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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH FABULOUS BUSINESSES IN BARRY



Campaigners fighting to save hospital ward from closing earn reprieve

workers at Barry Hospital are ecstatic their hard-fought consultation, the board promise that job losses campaigning efforts will consider a 'revised would be avoided.

have won a reprieve proposal' at a meeting Since news b for the threatened Sam Davies Ward.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board wanted to close the 23-bed ward for older people which offers reha-

for dementia patients.

But now, after listentoday (November 28). UNISON Cym

of a complete failure to properly staff and the community taking to the streets in about its proposal to shut a march and rally. the award-winning ward.

area and do not drive so redeployment would discovering during an eight-week the health board did not Since news broke

er 28). of the planned closure, Cymru some 13,000 signed a accused the health board petition calling for the plete failure to ward to remain open engage with with many of them Andrew Woodman,

healthcare UNISON bilitation assistance for Many healthcare UNISON regional those who have suffered workers, based at Barry organiser, said: "This is a tremendous victory and we have demonstrated people cherish their local hospital services and they recognise the valuable work staff do to support the elderly in the community.

"UNISON marched, leafleted, petitioned and we have shown when people band together the powerful are forced to listen. "It is a great advert

He added: "The Sam Davies Ward was praised by Carers Trust South East Wales as a 'shining example' and it was peculiar the health board wanted to close it.
"Thank you to the

ity and a community united in defending

their local public services. We must remain

vigilant and protect

health services for local

people, but it is clear

without UNISON's campaign, the Sam

Davies Ward would

have been closed by

people of Barry, your magnificent response to our campaign energised healthcare workers and made them even more determined to defend the hospital."

> Read the full story on page three.

Nessa had 'cracking' time in Barry



HUNDREDS of people were getting into the festive spirit in Barry on Saturday evening as the town's Christmas lights were switched on. Nessa Jenkins, a character played by Ruth Jones in TV sitcom Gavin & Stacey, was tasked with entertaining the crowd before pulling the lever to illuminate the town.

See page six for more photos and the full story



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Is this Christmas

∠ DOSSER, horror, squalor'; what a cowardly letter (GEM letters, November 14).

And then wondering about their toilet habits. a bit weird. Attacking the most vulnerable in our society is easier than helping out or doing something about it, I suppose

Windsor Hotel doorway, but only because I walked past on a freezing day, and felt sad that someone would be sleeping there that night. They are camped outside a derelict building that could probably house 10 people, and we call this civilisation?

Robert Abushal, Barry.

Reason for resignation

7ITH reference to the letter by your correspondent Duncan Barber (GEM Letters, November 21), the reason Alun Cairns had to resign was not as your correspondent assumes.

The reason he had to go, rightly so, was that Alun Cairns claimed he did not know about the conduct that led to a judge accusing his former aide Ross England of deliberately sabotaging a rape trial.

However, an email came to light calling into

question that denial from Alun Cairns, which is far more serious than your correspondent's assumption. Marc Delaney, Barry.

Who is to blame for not recycling?

recycling.

Recently, I had a meal in a superstore in Bridgend and saw a waitress pushing plastic milk containers into the black plastic rubbish bags.

I enquired if they would be recycled and was told that they would not, because the staff simply did not have the time to do so. She said that the self service tea machine took many milk containers every day, and the coffee machine took many more; they

obviously use dozens per day.

I recycle mine weekly, but they probably use more in one day than I do in one year. Whose fault is this? Is it the management, staff or council recycling policy? I doubt the staff are to blame and fully believe that they do not have the time to wash and store them for future collection. If all supermarkets throughout the country practice the same policy, there must be millions of containers per year going into landfill

Something is wrong, and needs to be fixed as soon

Chivalry alive and well in Barry

AY I take this opportunity to announce that chivalry in Barry is not gone.

Recently I experienced it twice in one day. During bright daylight, I wanted petrol, so journeyed to the garage. Because the sun was low, I could not read the cost. A polite person left his family to put fuel into my car as my sunglasses were not strong enough. He refused any payment for such

Next, I drove to the exit of the garage on Port Road and yet again could not see vehicles (which in

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I too was saddened by the state of affairs in the Barry have trebled in number) and was unable to get onto the main road safely - the bright light blinded

> young gentleman went the extra mile, not only abandoning his own car, but drove mine right onto my driveway. He then had to walk back to Millers for his own car. He was called Harry and lived on Cwm Tawlg and he made sure I was safely home. This confirmed that chivalry is very much alive and I shall never forget the kindness and concern of these strangers. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart, and I am sure your families must be

June Pooley, Barry.

'Terrible' state of the pavements

HEN, oh when, will the Highways department of the Vale of Glamorgan acknowledge the terrible state of the roads and pavements in Cowbridge?

After numerous falls on the pavements by members of the public, including two by me, still they take no notice. I now have to access the town via a lane, as the payements are too dangerous to use. I don't want to suffer any more injuries. There was ot recycling?

TOTALLY agree with J Cody about plastic recycling. is done? Does anyone in authority ever do a proper investigation'

Andrea Burges, Cowbridge.

Why no Sunday

HAVE lived in Rhoose since 1997 and this bus route has always had its problems with timekeeping and reliability, with buses running

late at times and sometimes not even turning up.

Despite a number of changes of ownership this problem never seems to go away. At present the service is run by NAT Travel Group, the only bus service running through St Athan and Rhoose; they have recently changed the timetable, with no prior warning.

The service now runs from Bridgend to Llantwit Steve George, Llantwit Major. Major as the 303 and then as a separate service the 304 to Cardiff via St Athan and Rhoose. I acknowledge that this has possibly been done to try to improve the bus times between Llantwit and Cardiff, which is a good thing; but cannot understand why when you print a timetable out online, other than The Blue Anchor pub and the airport, none of the stops in Rhoose are included.

The major problem with the new times is that there seem to be no buses at all from Llantwit to Cardiff on a Sunday, which means that people in St Athan and Rhoose are cut off from each other if they do not have an alternate means of transport. How are people supposed to be able to get to work or hospital on that day? This is the first time I have known there to be no bus service on a Sunday

Answers from both NAT and the Vale council as to how this was allowed to come about, please: when the populations of both villages have increased by so

much over the past four years

Robert Cameron, Rhoose,

I approached another motorist for help and the Veterans being left out in the cold

and temperatures continue to drop, we must spare a thought for those who have served our country but find themselves homeless.

Research shows around 300-400 veterans end up on the streets every year, and up to 4,000 require urgent support to find accommodation.

Under the Armed Forces Covenant, veterans have access to enhanced housing support, but far too many still fall through the gaps and miss out on this. The No Homeless Veterans campaign (www. nohomelessveterans.org.uk), funded by the Forces in Mind Trust, calls on local authorities, homelessness charities and advice agencies to 'Think Veteran' when people approach them in housing need, in order to effectively identify former Servicemen and women and channel them through to the best possible support.

The fact that this Christmas there will be veterans sleeping in inappropriate accommodation, in hostels and on the streets, is unacceptable.

By working with local authorities and providing a clear pathway to housing, we can put an end to this and make sure no veteran is without a home at

Ed Tytherleigh, Co-Chair of the Cobseo (Confederation of Service Charities), Housing

Cluster, 12 Elizabeth Street, London.

Doorstep discussion deterrence?

Cairns sent out letters paid for by the taxpayer, enclosing a sticker to deter cold callers including political canvassers

This was justified as helping to protect vulnerable people, who may may be alarmed by strangers on their doorstep in the dark.

Canvassing is a traditional tool used by political arties to identify their supporters and is conducted by volunteers. It also assists residents who want further information, such as how to apply for a postal vote. Often voters need some encouragement to take part in the democratic process: something Mr Cairns should support. Without these brief face-to-face meetings, many voters would be more reliant on the partial 'news' of the social media and newspapers owned by Tory millionaires. I can understand why Mr Cairns wants to deter doorstep discussions. How would he defend his voting record, supporting the bedroom tax, reductions in welfare spending and ending support for 16-19 year olds in FE while opposing measures to prevent climate change, taxes on bankers' bonuses, a mansion tax and money to create jobs for young people?

Paul Denham, Barry

Help us give the gift of hope this Christmas

S the cold nights of winter draw in it becomes more apparent how important home is to us all.

While most of the country will be getting ready to celebrate with loved ones and looking forward to a home cooked Christmas dinner, there will be thousands of people facing the struggle of having nowhere safe to call home. Many of us will have noticed the rising number of people sleeping on the streets where we live or work. But what we don't see is that for every person on our streets there are AS we look forward to the festive period another 12 families or individuals stuck in hostels, on sofas and in unsafe and insecure accommodation No one should be forced to live, or spend Christmas, this way. That's why – outside of our year-round services – Crisis in South Wales is running a wellbeing fortnight in December, providing people experiencing homelessness with a range of activities from walks to museum trails and films to Christmas cooking. To find out more or to donate to Crisis this

Christmas please visit www.crisis.org.uk/christmas. Karen Grunhut, Director of Crisis Skylight

Centre in Wales.

Flooding in Dinas Powys

HE community must be kept fully informed about the plans of the Natural Resources Wales regarding their flood schemes in Dinas Powys.

As a local Plaid Cymru community councillor, I believe there is a great deal of confusion regarding Natural Resources Wales' plans for the Mill Stream/ River Cadoxton. Therefore Dinas Powvs community councillors have sought clarity from NRW."

In reply, the organisation said that it is considering 12 options in connection with the Dinas Powys Flood Risk Management Scheme; Do nothing/walk away: Do minimum/business as usual: Natural flood management on Cadoxton River; Channel storage on East Brook; Upstream flood storage; Flood defences along Cadoxton River in Dinas Powys; A short flood defence at the end of St Cadoc's Avenue (right bank) to six properties; Improve conveyance at A4055 Cardiff Road bridge; Heavy channel main-JUST when the election campaign kicked off, tenance of the Cadoxton River; Flood relief channel to East Brook; Property flood resilience/protection measures; Combinations of the above. I, and fellow community councillor Richard Grigg believe the public needs to be fully briefed about the options, although at times it can be a challenge.

C Franks, Dinas Powys.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL DECEMBER 5

Date	Time	Height
		(metres)
28/11/2019	07.19	10.2
28/11/2019	19.39	10.1
29/11/2019	07.57	9.9
29/11/2019	20.19	9.8
30/11/2019	08.39	9.6
30/11/2019	20.58	9.3
01/12/2019	09.19	9.1
01/12/2019	21.36	8.8
02/12/2019	09.57	8.6
02/12/2019	22.21	8.3
03/12/2019	10.47	8.1
03/12/2019	23.10	7.8
04/12/2019	11.42	7.7
04/12/2019		
05/12/2019	00.14	7.5
05/12/2019	12.53	7.6

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Fight to save ward far from over despite reprieve

of plans to get patients home sooner would like to see more evidence to as even short stays in hospital with reduced mobility can lead to muscle

But South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has warned that not over - despite the apparent climb down from health board bosses.

He insisted it was vital campaigners keep up the fight to prevent the health board from "rehashing" its initial proposals and stressed they must give a "cast iron guarantee" the ward will not close

Mr Davies said: "I welcome the announcement from the health board that they have dropped what would have been hugely damaging plans to close the Sam Davies ward.

"But it is important to note that their statement does not include a commitment to keep the ward open. Indeed, we need to keep up the pressure so that when revised plans come forward they do not include a rehashed attempt

"The people of Barry have spoken loud and clear, and the Labour-run ful ideas on developing services in the Welsh NHS must listen: we need a cast iron guarantee the ward will not

A health board spokesman confirmed: "The Health Board maintains that the new pathway is the right thing to do to improve care for frail older people in the Vale of Glamorgan

The closure idea came about as part views and recognise that stakeholders show how the pathway would work within the Vale of Glamorgan so they can see the benefits in action.

"The Board will now consider a revised proposal at its meeting on the fight to save the hospital ward is 28 November. In the meantime we will continue implementing the frailty models at University Hospital Llandough which includes Discharge to Assess and the Acute Frailty Assessment Service which aims to benefit patients by reducing the need for hospital admission and in turn reduces clinical deconditioning in patients

He added: "The beds at Sam Davies ward will remain open while we get the frailty models up and running. We will then review the evidence from the new Vale of Glamorgan model to inform the next steps of the pathway and consider opportunities to maximise the important role that Barry Hospital will play in the local community

"As part of the engagement process the Health Board received some helpfuture and will also be working closely with partner agencies to develop plans for Barry Hospital to become a health and wellbeing centre which will provide services that will benefit the whole community of Barry.

Details of the revised scheme are expected to be announced soon

Dead dog dumped in ba

has been revealed.

Staff at RSPCA Cymru are appealing for information after a nember of the public made the grim discovery on November 5.

The person took the animal's body to a nearby vet, but the dog's ause of death is still unknown

RSPCA inspector David Millborrow said: "This would have een extremely distressing for the person who found this body and we thank them for taking her to the vet - who we would also like to thank for doing what they can to find out what happened here.

"Although she has been microchipped the contact number does not appear to be working, so we don't know where she came from

A DEAD French bulldog was put in a plastic bag and dumped in the Michaelston le Pit area last week, it

"Her body had been found in a carrier bag inside a bin liner. She is thought to be around two-and-a-half years old and is fawn in colour. She has clearly had some puppies.

Mr Millborrow added: "A cause of death is unknown so we don't know whether she died in suspicious circumstances or of natural causes and the body was then taken to this location. But it does seem a little suspicious that she was found left in a plastic

"It is very sad to think she has just been dumped in a bag so we'd like anyone with any information to contact our RSPCA appeal line on 0300 123 8018."

Anyone with animal welfare concerns or who finds an animal in distress should call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999

Shop owner fined £6,000 for cosmetic and electrical equipment offences

THE owner of a Penarth shop has had to pay out work across Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale. around £6,000 after admitting two offences under the Cosmetic Products Enforcement Regulations ordered to pay costs of £4,768 and a victim surcharge of £40. 2013, and two under the Electrical Equipment Regulations 2016.

Trishna Singh could not provide information for henna products she was selling at A-Z Dragon Discount on Windsor Road, trading standards investigation for Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Ms Singh also failed to provide documentation relating to suppliers for a number of electrical items she was selling, including unsafe practices. We take our duty of care extremely seriously fairy lights - and some of these items failed a safety test.

She was prosecuted by Shared Regulatory Services, who carry the relevant regulations.

After pleading guilty Ms Singh was fined a total of £1,200,

Christina Hill of Shared Regulatory Services, said: "Important information about the origin of some products sold in this shop was missing while others were found to be unsafe. They could have posed a significant risk to members of the public, but which were also found to be labelled incorrectly, following a excellent work by Shared Regulatory Services has removed that

> "This case should serve as a warning to others engaged in and will not hesitate to take action if people do not comply with

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Workers at Avalon Factual, who are
The Nightmare Neighbour Next producing the show, want to hear from Door, which first aired in 2014, is people who have had a recent dispute a documentary series which follows

A spokesman said: "All information fallouts between neighbours

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some of the most extreme cases of

Live in High Street, Barry



THIS Friday (November 29) High Street Barry will be buzzing when the Christmas lights are switched on by Barry boxer Lee Selby.

Among the many attractions on the night will be live music in the High Street hair salon, HQ2, where local band, The Scoundrels (above) will be playing between 4pm and

A time to remember and reflect this Christmas

ily and friends are in our members of your family. thoughts, but we recognise charitable donations in memory of it can also be a difficult time loved ones too. We've partnered of year when we remember with three charities - Mind, SAMH those we have lost or when and Inspire Wellbeing - to support we reflect upon worldwide mental health and play a crucial role events that have affected so in helping make it easier for commumany individuals and communities in recent years.

you and the community, we are continuing our tradition of placing a Memorial Tree in our funeral homes.

The Memorial Tree will display Memorial cards in remembrance of your loved ones

Memorial cards for you to write of you. your own message can be collected from our Co-op Funeralcare homes.

You are very welcome to visit our funeral homes to place your message candle in memory of your loved ones. on our tree, and we will be pleased to assist you and offer you refresh- Llantwit Major service will be held ments, if you have time.

message at home and send it back to Funeralcare Gladstone Road, Barry, us and we will place it on the tree on in its Chapel of Rest on Thursday, your behalf.

Contact us if you require a card to be posted to you. Even if we did not conduct a funeral of a loved one for you, you are still welcome to

AT Christmas time, fam- participate, as are friends or other

nities to come together to improve mental wellbeing.

Charitable donations are optional As part of our commitment to and we invite you to hang a message of remembrance on our tree with or without a donation.

> We understand that Christmas is a time for personal reflection and however you decide to remember those you have lost, we will be thinking

> Memorial services are also held each year to which you are warmly welcome to attend and to light a

A Brown Funeralcare nents, if you have time. at St Illtud's Church on Tuesday, Alternatively, you can write your December 3 at 7pm and A G Adams December 5 at 7pm.

W A Brown Funeralcare Llantwit Major and A G Adams Funeralcare,

Neglected dog's 3,000 mile journey to safety



Missy (above) has been given a new lease of life

Cowbridge returned from a holiday in Greece with a little bit more luggage than she'd set off with.

Nerissa Usherwood became attached with an abandoned and starving dog during a recent trip to visit her sister in Rhodes.

She fed and cared for three-year-old labrador cross, Missy, during her holiday and even found her a temporary shelter.

Usherwood. She then - at some considerable cost - paid for health checks to be carried out on the pooch and bought Missy a passport.

After weeks of endless conversations,

From left to right: Rescuer Nerissa Usherwood, new owner Cheryl Williams, Cheryl Wellard who is currently looking after Missy, and Marc

- ready to start her new life in Wales.

nently because she already has two dogs the beginning? with one recently having six puppies.

But she has managed to find her a wonde 'forever home' with Cheryl and Marc have a Williams, who live in nearby Barry, and future. will be moving in next month.

rarily be taking Missy into her home. She has spent many weeks caring for her even raised. to the extent of taking Missy to training To

"The last hurdle was to find Missy her co.uk or call 01446 774449.

A KIND-HEARTED woman from to Bristol Airport with a full bill of health loving forever home. Fortunately, through friends, we found a wonderful couple. We Ms Usherwood, who runs a dance can't believe that Missy's journey is now school, wasn't able to keep Missy perma- coming to an end - or should we say just

She added: "I am so happy that this wonderful dog I took to my heart will now have a loving, caring family with a happy

All of Ms Usherwood's generosity has et her – and her sister – back about But that wasn't enough for Ms GEM: "We were fortunate to know that our flows, so friends have launched an online sherwood. She then – at some considdage carer Cheryl Wellard would temporable cost – paid for health checks to be rarily be taking Miser into health."

> To donate visit Ms Usherwood's Facebook page, email nerissajju@hotmail.

Santa's Sleigh is coming to Barry!

BARRY Round Table have December 3 – Gibbonsdown, sponsored sponsored by CJ Contract Hire. announced the first half of their by The Master Mariner. Santa Sleigh Routes.

December 1 – Palmerston, sponsored by Cottrell Park Golf Club.

December 2 - Highlight Park, sponsored sored by Awesome Wales. by Knights Estate Agents.

the Watts Family December 5 - Holton Road, South spon-

December 8 - Waterfront East barryroundtable co.uk

December 9 - High Street, sponsored by December 4 – Barry Road, sponsored by Food for thought Deli.

You can find out more about the Barry Santa Sleigh and follow all of the routes on Facebook Twitter Instagram or via www

What's on in your area?

Caritas Consort comes to Barry!

CARDIFF and the Vale chamber choir 'Caritas Consort' will be performing in All Saint's Church in Barry on Saturday, November 30 at 7pm, Caritas (Latin for 'charity') has the aim of raising as much money as possible for charitable causes.

They do this by giving high quality performances in a variety of venues and since the choir was formed in 2013, they have raised almost £50,000 and their performances have been well received.

The proceeds from the concert in Barry will be split between 'The Friends of the Earth Charitable Trust' and the rebuilding of the organ in All Saints Church.

The concert is entitled 'Music for Special Occasions' and will include well known works such as, 'Zadok the Priest', 'Faire is the Heaven' and more

Tickets (£12, £6 for children and students) can be purchased at the door on the evening or in advance from ticketsource - www. ticketsource.co.uk/caritasconsort. For more information about the choir, see www.CaritasConsort.org or follow them on Facebook @CaritasConsort.

Friends of the Earth

BARRY and Vale Friends of the Earth raised their banners at Y Senedd on Sunday, November 24, along with anti-in- AN open studio takes place on Sunday, December 1 from 12 cinerator groups from Swansea, the Usk Valley and Cardiff. noon-4pm at Canonhill Artspace, Canon Street, Barry, CF62 Incineration is not the answer.

Neil McEvoy AM spoke at the demonstration and FoE are

incinerator in Barry until there is a full environmental impact

The next meeting of Barry&Vale FoE will be in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, December 3. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, Marry Christmas

and a Happy New Year

AM's surgery

AM Jane Hutt will be holding an advice surgery at Murchfield Hall in Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ on Friday, November 29 from 4pm-5pm; no appointment necessary. 'Christmas Allsorts' from Barry Community Choir

Choir concert

BARRY Community Choir is set to launch the Christmas season on December 1 with a concert of 'Christmas Allsorts'.

The concert takes place at 3.30pm in Crossway Methodist Church, and will feature guest soloists from the Wales International Academy of Voice. This year, Sian Davies exchanges the piano for the podium as she leads the choir; accompanied by Rob Lloyd. A light buffet tea is included in the price of £7. Tickets are available from choir members or on the door.

Open studio

The artists of Canonhill Artspace studios open their doors providing him with questions to ask in the Assembly. Featured artists include Louise Tucker (weaving), Agnes Corbett He will be asking for a 'Discontinuance Order to stop the (textiles) Paula Melhuish (ceramics) and Glyn Pooley (artist). Featured artists include Louise Tucker (weaving), Agnes Corbett

Pick up a unique gift for Christmas! Entry is free.

Woman's quest to help mental health sufferers

businesswoman counselling. is organising a sible for mental family. health charity have Mind.

Erin Hayes, 22, decided she wanted to make a difference that help is available within the community after hearing it, not two or three about - and herself months down the suffering from - mental health issues. months down the line, as it is the difference between life

Major woman who recently failed in her runs her own busiquest to find love on BBC2 show Love in the Countryside, make a difference is hosting her event at the Village Hotel, to host this event. Whitchurch. Cardiff on March 28

next year. She explained: "This year I have suffered from mental everyone much life has to offer, not just to me, but health and in fact I "Com made a decision in January that could

that decision, I was told I would have to

YOUNG wait two months for

"Due to my mental state, I was fortunate black tie charity ball in a bid to state, I was fortunate enough to have enough money to pay raise as much privately, alongside money as pos- the support of my

"Things would been very different had I not. I want to be able to raise money to ensure when people need months down Llantwit and death. ference between life

And Erin, who ness, Hayes Podiatry, said: "I want to help and so have decided

"I have now realised how much there is to life and how much life has to offer,

"Community means everything and allowing people have resulted in me of all different pages of being here today. to come together for decided it was time to make one night, raising a difference so I am hosting



ABOVE: Organiser Erin Hayes.

hearts, will not only benefit charity ball in aid of Mind, they do."

"Approximately one in The ball will feature a four people in the UK will red carpet, three course experience mental health meal, raffle, disco and more problems each year. Due to entertainment which will be my profession as a podia- announced nearer the time. trist, I hear many successful and not so successful stories more information search for surrounding mental health. After hearing these stories I Ball' on the Eventbrite decided it was time to make website.

for a charity close to all our a three course. black tie the charity, but also our which works with people understanding of what it is who experience mental distress to achieve and maintain added: a more fulfilling life.

To book tickets and for 'Black Tie Spring Charity

Chippy named one of the **UK's best!**

JUDGES have deemed a fish and chip living in London, I returned to Barry where me and for just over a year as one of the UK's

Fat Boys Fish and Chips, based in Holton Road, Barry recently picked up the Good Food Award for Fish and Chips 2020.

Owner Leighton Norris said he was 'extremely proud' of his team for their hard work during the last 12 months.

Mr Norris decided to launch his food venture using his redundancy money after being let go from his job at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

He embarked on a National Federation of Fish Fryers' three-day course before opening his businesses in his hometown.

Mr Norris explained: "After leaving the army and Plassey Fish Bar.

shop which has been serving customers my partner, Anthony, set up home. I moved into finance as a job and a career but always wanted to be my own boss.

"Many years later I plucked up the courage to set up Fat Boys. I had just been made redundant and I knew that I wanted a break from banking."

He added: "One year on and we are growing in staff and customers. We have now been recognised as one of the best fish and chip shops within the UK. This is for a company that has only been trading for just over one year. I am extremely proud of my team for all their hard work throughout the last 12

The Good Food Awards, launched in 2002, saw 13 restaurants across Wales recognised as some of the UK's best chip shops - including Penarth's

Barry's High Street getting ready for Christmas lights event

THE High Street Barry Christmas Light Christmas cheer and a full set up nativity will switch-on is due to take place on Friday, feature, where all the family can get dressed up and November 29 and will begin at 4pm with take photos sitting on bale of hay entertainment and shopping for all.

The High Street Traders Association have prioritised the involvement of local Barry performers, with the line-up including The Selby Brothers, champion boxers of Barry knocking on the lights at 7pm; Dr Bob Balloons creating his masterpieces; Santa and his sleigh; Charlie Bubbles with his the Christmassy spirit which, combined with the Bubble Machine from a Handful of Hats; Mystical community spirit on the street, will be a delight to Victorian Magicians from the Small Space and the be a part of. cheerful Christmas Barry Tenovus Choir.

The local Scoundrels will be singing their to organise the event of the year.

The Vibe Bus is attending to keep children busy. the local fire station are providing an appliance from 4pm to 5pm and organisers have a feeling there maybe some snow

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of Anne Greagsby Civil Rights movement at Thornhill on in Belfast. November followed a non-religious attended by husband Max Wallis initiating 'child-friendly children.

Neil McEvoy AM led the service. Her access. ashes are to be interred in the family grave in

A post mortem found thrombosis.

recently worked for the discrimination came in. successful campaign Anne moved to against privatised mili- Penarth in 2016 and ran Athan base.

anti-military sentiments, disappointed at falling stemming from her well short of winning a

Anne brought up her children in York, where she became city service councillor.

She was proud of her eight York', persuading shops to remove steps and redesign doors to delivered a tribute and allow child buggies easy

> Though it started in York, this change spread

Anne also started a that Anne's sudden death women's group under resulted from deep vein the city council auspices which gave women con-Anne's last proper job fidence to run for council was with the Disability seats, changing the male Rights Commission in domination of York pol-Wales, though she more itics long before positive

tary training at the St as Plaid candidate for St Augustine's ward, raishad strong ing Plaid's vote, but was

Her real success came active on Twitter.

and issued over 123,000 transfers to be marked tweets and re-tweets in 'to memory Annegre'

Donations in Anne's via social media - she memory can be sent to first designed blogs and Green Willows Funerals blogged herself, then or, request the family, turned to Facebook directly to Anne's groups and became very favourite cause 'Fair Play for Women' or to Her account shows she the charity Thrombosis gained 2,400 followers UK; cheques or bank

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Nessa had a 'cracking' time in Barry

ONE of TV's most- tonight... have you got loved characters nothing better to do?" made an appear- And she added: "Oh, ance in Barry over there's some lookers the weekend to out here tonight, a few turn on the town's exes in the crowd here I Christmas lights.

the BBC comedy Gavin & Stacey's return with a fesive special set to her old stomping to hit TV screens on honour at Saturday's Christmas Day. festive switch-on event.

Comprehensive student Corden, Rob Brydon, Ruth Jones, who plays Larry Lamb and Alison Nessa and co-writes Steadman were spotted the Barry-based show, in the seaside resort donned her character's over the summer filmclassic outfit as she ing the show. walked out on stage in Gavin & Stacey, King Square, Holton about a long-distance

what's occurring?"

Road.

Nessa asked the packed audience: "Cracking to see you all

Her guest appearance Nessa Jenkins, from comes ahead of Gavin

Cast members includ-Former Portheawl ing co-writer James

relationship between a She addressed the boy from Essex and a crowd with her famous girl from Barry, ran for catchphrase: "Oh, three series and ended nearly a decade ago.

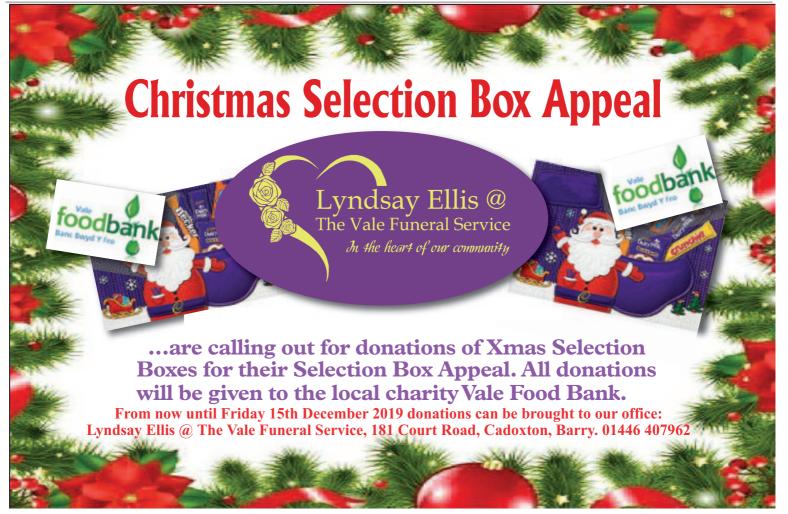








Photos taken by Glyn Evans



Christmas will come early for Penarth pupils



The scene at last year's Christmas Market.

Photo taken Morley Photography.

school will enjoy an extra-spe- Mwnci gifts, while upstairs there will cial visit to see Santa this be a food court with tasty treats by Christmas, thanks to a local, family-run business.

Masons Self Storage has made a donation to ensure the Santa's Grotto at Ysgol Pen-v-Garth's Christmas Market at the Paget Rooms on December 12 is full of festive cheer.

The donation will be used to deco-ahead of the Christmas Market. rate the secret grotto

hundreds through the doors at the event on December 12. Paget Rooms for their first Christmas market, music event, and food festival PTA said: "We're really grateful to combined in 2018, and raised more local businesses like Masons Self than £3.500

of the season with performances from nity for anyone in Penarth to kick off local choirs, as well as the chance to the festive season in style and start browse more than 30 local craft, style, shopping and celebrating in their local health and art stalls, including the new community - raising money for a good Brød Danish Bakery Griffin Books cause at the same time."

CHILDREN at a Penarth Jenny Gunnarsson Reflexology and The Crepe Escape, Cwitchitas Tacos, Vintage Cup and Cakes, Double D's Hot Sauce and Earls Cooking Sauces

> Masons Self Storage regularly supports communities in the Vale and this year will also be supplying materials for a craft day at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth

The children's crafts will then be The Pen-y-Garth PTA welcomed displayed for pupils and parents at the

A spokesman for Ysgol Pen-y-Garth Storage for their support. The 2019 Festive shoppers can get in the spirit Gwyl Nadolig is a fantastic opportu-

Latest from Probus Club of Penarth

THE Probus Club of 33 were killed in action. Penarth held its monthly meeting

Hywel is a former Professor of Continuing Education at Swansea University, MP for Aberavon between 2001 and 2015 and a Welsh social historian.

He gave a brief overjoin the British Battalion cally elected government of the year.

volunteers, including Gareth Price on 02920 miners and nurses, who 532 793.

Men's went from Wales about

There will not be a meeting in December. Instead a Christmas on November 19, at lunch will be held for which the Emeritus members and guests Professor Hywel at the Wenvoe Castle Francis gave a talk Golf Club on Thursday, on 'Wales and the December 5. The next Spanish Civil War'. meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21 when John Sheen will give a talk entitled: 'Five

New members are welcome to join Probus. It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age. The meetview of the development ings are normally held of Fascism under Franco every third Tuesday of and its leading to the the month at the Sports Spanish Civil War. and Social Club, South Welsh miners made up Road, Sully at 10.30am one of the largest con- with guest speakers on tingents to volunteer to varied topics of interest.

of the International sional visits to places Brigades to fight in sup- of interest and special port of the democrati- lunches at various times

Anyone interested in Of the 200 or so joining Probus can call

Rotary Club's helpful cash boost



WITH Music In enterprise social groups for older people in the Rotary.

They received a similar tion; used in every group well as employ a new worker." can see them.

from money

This will enable the Kate Whitestone said: groups.

social Rotary will purchase a are very grateful to both that second laptop, and will the Cowbridge Rotary runs singing and enable groups to be and Dementia Friendly run concurrently in the Cowbridge for their support. It is important The organisation's to us that people see the Vale of Glamorgan, plans to expand have had benefits that our groups was delighted to a boost by further fund- provide to our members, be presented with ing from the National and are enthusiastic a cheque for £350 Lottery Awards for about expanding our ser-Cowbridge All grant, awarded this vice to benefit as many people as we can."

amount from Dementia directors, Sarah Miles "The Awards for All Friendly Cowbridge in and Kate Whitestone to grant is an exciting step September which was carry out research and forward: we are really used to purchase the first consultation work and pleased to be able to laptop for the organisa- plan the expansion, as employ a second support

to project the lyrics of support worker to assist With Music In Mind songs so that everyone in running the singing will be recruiting early next year

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Advance Dental Care is a mixed dental practice.* says Rob Evans, Newport



'All Things Rural' at Fonmon Castle



ABOVE: AM Jane Hutt with Nigel Ford and Gerald Blain.

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited and use as a wedding venue, for Fonmon Castle to meet Nigel which Fonmon has been famous. Ford, managing director of 'All Ms Hutt said: "It was great to

tunities with local community use, Wales."

Things Rural', who showed her meet Nigel Ford and hear about plans for the refurbishment his environmental initiatives and of the castle and surrounding rural businesses support for the Vale Show, and to hear about his love Plans included 'rewilding' oppor- for Fonmon, the Heritage Coast and

Spotted youngsters raise £450 for charity



YOUNGSTERS at Albert Primary School in Penarth donned their spots on November 15 to support this year's Children in Need appeal.

A school spokesman said: "As it is an important charity for the school, the pupil council met a few weeks ago to decide the best way we could support the charity.

"After listening to the children, we decided to hold a

"The pupil council invited pupils to come dressed for 'The Big Spotacular' and many wore their own clothes, which included many spotty t-shirts, Pudsey onesies and bandanas, with as many spots as possible.

"We received a great deal of donations to support this event and

at the end of the day, the school raised over £450.
"We would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity in raising this amazing sum. Well done, Team Albert!"

Stage academy marks 10th year with show SUPERSTARS in the Making, founded by Superstars in the Making

Christian Bullen in 2009, takes to the stage with a celebratory performance on December 1 at 5pm at the Barry Memo Arts Centre for

its 10th anniversary.

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Jumelles Les Academy of Dance

The students will be showcasing songs from the past 10 years of productions the academy has presented as well as classical ballet.

Shows will include Hairspray. Grease and West Side Story.
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to www.superstarsinthemaking.com.

Mountains and obstacles for ramblers on latest A GROUP of ten walkers Dirion

joined Robin from Penarth Mountains.

Their immediate aim was to scale the ownership of the National Trust which caused a few unseen problems Rhondda, Margaret Haig Thomas end or was blocked by thick bracken. (1883-1958).

landmark for miles around, and the arriving just as dusk descended. coolness of the morning was an asset

Setting a fair pace, they soon reached 5278. the summit where the trig point at

west on the southern slopes of Rhos from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

They made their way towards the

and District Ramblers for the confluence of the Grwyne Fawr and trip up to Forest Coal Pit to the north of Sugarloaf and on moved on to climb the opposite side the southern edge of the Black of the valley to enjoy the views of Sugarloaf from a different angle.

Everything was going smoothly until Sugar Loaf Mountain or Mynydd Pen- the leader decided to try a new path at y-Fal, which since 1936 has been under the base of Sugar Loaf on the return, having been donated by Viscountess when the path abruptly came to an After about half an hour's delay, they Its unique conical shape is a followed tracks back to the car park

On November 30, an eight-mile during the long steady climb up the moderate walk at Ogmore will leave hillside, while the summit above them Barry Dock Railway Station car park at 9am: contact Geraint on 029 2051

On December 3, a 7.5-mile easy 596m (1,955ft) was set against a white moderate walk taking in Llanwonno background which rather obscured the and the Cynon Valley will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9.30am; contact Heading westwards, they descended Alison on 07717 820 012.

gradually over common land following For up to date information, see www tracks running with water and crossed penarthramblers, wordpress, com or fields to a footbridge over the Grwyne follow on Facebook. Programmes and Fawr River, which rises to the north- membership advice can be obtained

Marilyn picks up shield for her artwork



JOHN Thomas, chairman of BARUC Art Club, presented the Club Shield to Marilyn Morgan, winner of the best painting at their annual exhibition held

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Couple receive cash award for unwanted items



A LOCAL couple this week had a very lucky day when visiting R & D Jeweller's Antique Roadshow. Like most households they had a drawer full of bits and bobs including an old gent's watch from approximately 1930. The watch was working but had left to them. A selection of old, broken and incomplete rings and a few odd items of unusual jewellery were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or fnding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and

gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found." Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose? Things you should look for and take next week

include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Brand new Aston Martin is unveiled

THE first Aston Martin model stamped with the 'Made in Wales' marque was officially unveiled to the world's motoring press at a global launch in Beijing last week.

The Aston Martin DBX is the iconic car manufacturer's first lux-ury SUV model and carries a price tag of around £160,000 (US\$189,900). It is the first vehicle to be manufactured in Wales in almost 50 years.

In 2016, Aston Martin announced it had selected St Athan for its second manufacturing facility as part of a £200M investment in new products and facilities. The new manufacturing centre was secured with support from Welsh Government against fierce competition from more than 20 other potential locations worldwide.

The day before the Beijing event, there was a private unveiling at the company's St Athan site, attended by Economy Minister Ken Skates.

The Minister said: "Seeing the

company deliver its first vehicle out of Wales is a very proud moment for Aston Martin and for Wales.

Athan has been a huge vote of confidence in the Welsh Government's can-do attitude and is a genuine testament to the reputation, dedication will build the Grenadier 4x4 in Bridgend, and TVR and skills of our work force in Wales.

the decision to make Wales its

ABOVE: Ken Skates AM with the brand newAston Martin DBX last week, at an event timed to coincide with the car's official launch in China.

"Aston Martin's decision to locate centre for electric vehicles and that the first DBXs will certainly be a class-leading vehicle in the sum and a common facility in St. be coming off the St. Athan production line next year. also creating a high-skilled, well-paid workforce, here has been a huge vote of con
Russell George AM, the Shadow Minister for Business, which will bring its own benefits to St. Athan, the

ills of our work force in Wales.

am absolutely delighted Aston Martin has taken leading edge of technology – is alive and well in Wales. "AML is not only building

Vale, and further afield through the supply chain."

The luxury car brand has previously announced that its new manufacturing facility at St Athan will become the brand's centre for electrification and the home of the Lagondabrand, the world's first zero-emission luxury marque.

The St Athan site, which will employ up to 1,000 what will workers, will be officially opened next month

Group 617 – members' acts of Remembrance in **Penarth**

M E M B E R S members of the 617 of Group 617 - Group laid wreaths. formed to honour The evening in the Dambusters Penarth was marked by of 617 Squadron, a tribute presentation were busy over by the chairman of the Remembrance Group 617, honourperiod.

Harold Ford said: Then a screening of "Some will shed a tear the remastered film as the sound of a lone was shown in the bugler plays the Last Snowcat cinema of the Post. They remember Penarth Pier Pavilion. those comrades in arms Mr Ford said: and who fell in battle, "This was of particunow buried in a foreign lar interest as none land, never to return other than Jonny to their homeland." Johnson, our president,

In Porthcawl, the was in attendance. veterans held services

ing the Dambusters Group spokesman of 617 squadron.

"Some may be aware over three days. On that he was one of the Saturday at Stormy last of the crew of one Down, Sunday in of the Lancasters, and the town centre, took part in the raid. and a two minute He spoke of the part he silence on Monday played, with amusing at the bandstand anecdotes, bringing In Penarth, follow- both laughter, poigning the traditional ancy and a few tears parade to the cenotaph, from the audience."

Llantwit Major church celebrates its 200th anniversary



The Bethel Baptist Church in Llantwit Major has been extensively decorated both inside and out.



BETHEL Baptist Church, in Durell Street, Llantwit Major, is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, and 2011, describes the church as follows: "Bethel is a happy and who have carried heavy things. Come to me. If you do that, you will has been repainted and given a 'makeover' so that it can continue and develop its community activities.

The church is celebrating this weekend with a hog roast on Saturday (provided by Farmers Pantry) at 4.30 pm followed by a concert in the churc. and a special celebration service at 10.30am on Sunday, December 1.

A church spokeswoman looked back on the history of Bethel Baptist "In the winter of 1819, a small group of Baptists began to meet together weekly in Llantwit Major. In those early days, Bethel Baptist Church was very much like that of the early church found in the New Testament.

"They had no fixed meeting place and simply met in homes. They came to embody the true definition of church, which is the gathering of followers of Jesus. As they simply lived out their

faith in the community, the gathering grew and by 1830, they were able to build what we today call Bethel Baptist Church. "It's been 200 years since that first little group began and today Bethel Baptist is still as vibrant and lively as it always has been.

"The Church congregation continue to live out the purpose of reaching and meeting those in the community with the love of Jesus as expressed in the Bible."

Phil Hibbert, who has been minister of the church since like people who have worked for a long time. You are like people

Alzheimer's Society. We have a friendly parent and toddler group and to this day we still continue to meet in home for prayer and Bible study.

"As a part of the 200th anniversary celebrations, the chapel has recently undergone a major redecoration, making it ready for 21st Century life. Services on Sunday are like a family get together. There is laughter and fun. There are sometimes tears. There is always good discussion.

"Life can sometimes be very challenging, whether you are young or old and it helps to have support and a place to belong. This is what church is about for those that attend Bethel. This is what church has been about for all two hundred years of Bethel's existence. "Jesus once said, 'Come to me all of you who are tired. You are

relaxed community of people who meet together to share the find a place to rest. Do what I teach you to do. Listen to my message joys and struggles of life. As followers of Jesus, we realise and learn from me what is true. I am very kind and I do not make just how much we all need support and acceptance. If you are myself important. I will help you. Then you will have peace in your just how much we all need support and acceptance. If you are looking for a place to belong then Bethel might just be for you. mind. I will not tell you to do things that are too difficult. I will not effect the formulation of the heart of Llantwit Major. We have tell you to carry anything that is too heavy for you. Matthew 11:28-30 groups for children and young people. We run a lunch club "At its heart this is the invitation that and afternoon tea for seniors. Alongside the other churches in Bethel Baptist Church offers all who visit."

Leading the local Foodbank, which uses the building. Individual members of the church also show their committenance.

ment to the community by serving as volunteers in organisations such as school governing bodies, on local groups of the town council and in groups seeking to bring help to those in need.

The Church has had a long commitment to justice beyond Llantwit Major; for instance in 1833 members of the Church wrote to the Government in support of the abolition of the slave trade. This wider concern for those beyond Llantwit Major continues today as the Church supports key organisations within the Baptist family such as the training of ministers at the Baptist College in Cardiff, missionary activities through BMS Word Mission, development work amongst some of the poorest people in the world, and emergency relief in disasters.

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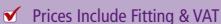
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Do your bit to help protect otters

IN order to help the otter pop- abnormalities of abdominal and other to spot and report dead otters ing revival." as part of a UK-wide project.

was set up in 1992 to autopsy dead undergone an autopsy. otters, to map their genetic diversity, age and distribution across the UK, ciate at the Cardiff University Otter and to monitor pollution in rivers and Project: said: "We have known for streams

of the health and spread of the native going underground. otter population.

of dead otters to NRW by calling this stage, trying to find where the 03000 65 3000

and deliver it to the Otter Project for Unfortunately, it died on the road. analysis

take a photo and report it to NRW, giv- However, in the 27-year history of the its location, then the better chance we the closest otter carcass to have been have of finding and collecting it.

"When the university does an autopsy they look at a variety of used to inform where road mitigation things including weight and length; is needed in order to prevent otter road wear, breakages, or signs of infection; the city centre.

ulation in Wales survive and organs. Your effort will help us to flourish, Natural Resources gather valuable information about this Wales (NRW) is asking people help our efforts to ensure their ongosecretive species, which in turn will

A dead otter was found in Bute The Cardiff University Otter Project Park, Cardiff, in October and has

Dr Eleanor Kean, research asso several years now that otters are using Information on otters is difficult the river Taff in central Cardiff. It to gather due to their elusive nature, seems as though this otter left the main however in order to support the spe- river and used a canal that then goes cies scientists need to build a picture underground. Otters tend not to like

"It is likely this otter was unfamiliar People are asked to report sightings with the area and left the water at water continues, rather than turning NRW will then collect the body round to go back to the main river.

"For many years now, as otter pop-Hannah Mitchell, conservation ulations are recovering, we are getting officer said: "If you spot a dead otter, more and more reports of urban otters. ing us as much detail as possible about Cardiff University Otter Project, this is found near to us in Cardiff.

"Our data collected with NRW is sex, age, reproductive status; teeth - traffic casualties; but this is the first in

Ysbrydoli! Inspire!

GWOBR Dechrau Dysgwyr Cymraeg 2019/Starting - Welsh Beginner Award 2019, was won this year by Rhiannon Norfolk of Sully.

She said: "Coming to Welsh classes has made a great difference to my mental health. I'm proof that it's not too late to pick things up again. The time is now! Taking that first jump is the hardest part. The rewards of adult learning are absolutely worth it.

Having the opportunity to learn Welsh again was a key factor in Rhiannon Norfolk's decision to move back to Wales. When she saw a job advertised in her field of health service evaluation, she applied, got the job and moved to Wales. 18 months later, she completed a fast-track foundation-level Welsh course at Penarth Learning Community, won an award for her inspiring attitude to learning, and is almost fluent. She loves attending any activity in Welsh with Learn Welsh the Vale.

"I felt really nervous going along but was assured that I could build on the language skills I already had, despite them being rusty," she said

"I worried I'd be so far behind everythat I hadn't learned for 13 years, but it was brilliant. Everyone was so welcoming and it's amazing how much you mission and she inspires others. remember. Learning Welsh has been a and a place to make friends. It's helped me to keep my brain active and given fulfilled now that I have.

Rhiannon. She said: "It is clear that other In the new year the learners will have the how much you already know



one else with my very basic Welsh and she's brilliant at encouraging them to say one week a month, or join another class to as much as they can. She's a learner on a attend every week. This course is perfect

complete joy for me, I finally feel like

"At Learn Welsh the Vale we enjoy retired and travel often. Maybe a work
I'm home. Learning gives me structure welcoming all of our learners and helping place would release staff in order to upskill them to learn Welsh at their pace. Our new their team me a sense of purpose and achievement. Super Fast Track beginners' course is an "Like, Rhiannon we welcome people to Giving up on Welsh was always a regret and I wanted to sort that out, and I feel so opportunity to learn quickly for adults who come and try again and recover the skills Lead tutor Suzanne Condon nominated can come for two weeks before Christmas. learned in the past. You might be surprised

for people who work away at times or are "At Learn Welsh the Vale we enjoy retired and travel often. Maybe a work

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15,000 pieces of litter cleared from Welsh beaches as part of major clean-up operation

Society (MCS) has released the results weekend of coastal (DRS) cleaning which has been running for 26 years.

British Beach Clean not only clear the beaches of litter, but become 'citivaluable data on what's polluting our beaches.

took place across Wales, with over 700 local volunteers getting involved to remove more than "This year's Great carrier bag charge, there has been a 13% decrease."

data has shown a con- an all-inclusive DRS is since all countries cerning upward trend of to reduce the volume of introduced the charge in glass bottles on the UK drink containers we're 2015, which is a fantascoastline

In 1994, when the first Great British Beach Government to join the Clean took place, an 40 countries worldwide average of two glass bot-

Conservation an average of eight glass as possible."

Society (MCS) has bottles per 100m—a stagPer 100m of Welsh gering 412% increase!

This data illustrates of its most recent the urgent need for the Great British Beach implementation of a remain the most preva-Clean, a UK-wide Deposit Return Scheme which

"Last year's consultation recorded on on a DRS for England, litter, but become 'citi- Wales and Northern 2019, an average of eight zen scientists' and record Ireland received an wet wipes per 100m of what they find, providing overwhelmingly positive beach were recorded. valuable data on what's response, with 208,000 With effective positive beach were recorded. This year, 30 beach cleans and litter surveys gress has stalled, with which blights Welsh gress has stalled, with which blights Welsh UK Government calling beaches can be stemmed. for further consultations

15,000 litter items from British Beach Clean data has been a 13% decrease welsh beaches. Welsh beaches. really speaks for itself, MCS' 26 years of showing how important seeing.

"We urge the Welsh work with effective DRS in tles were found per 100m of Welsh beach: in 2019 an all-inclusive Deposit an all-inclusive Deposit

Marine that figure has grown to Return Scheme as soon

were found in 2019.

While plastic pieces lent form of beach litter, would there are many items include not just plastic becoming increasingly bottles, but also glass common on Welsh

bottles and cans. beaches.

Gill Bell, head of For example, in 1994,

Volunteers at the Great Conservation Wales said: there were no wet wipes whereas beaches,

With effective policy responses in favour and support from busi-

Following the imple bags on Welsh beaches tic example of policy at

The five most common items per 100m of Welsh beach:

1. Plastic/polystyrene pieces (0-50cm) - 162.4



2. Plastic/polystyrene fishing net (small) – 40.9 per 100m. 3. Cigarette stubs – 32.6 per 100m.

4. Plastic/polystyrene fishing line

For the purposes of the Great British Beach Clean, data analysis for the UK tiful for generations to come." is divided into England (including the Isle of Man), Wales, Scotland, People's Postcode Lottery, the Marine Northern Ireland and the Channel Conservation Society's Beachwatch

This year, England had the mignest litter density; Wales had the third highest litter density, but lower than highest litter density, but lower than being the charity's campaigning to stop marine pollution at source.

For more information on the Great the Charity's Campaigning to stop marine pollution at source. This year, England had the highest

data over the last 26 years has been ing near you, please visit www.mcsuk. instrumental in pushing for policies org/beachwatch.

and initiatives which have made a real change to the marine environment. We hope that this year's data, when compared with the state of the UK's beaches 26 years ago, will encourage 5. Packaging (crisps, sweets, lollies and sandwiches) – 20.9 per 100m.

For the numbers of the Country of the C gramme to help us gather important data and keep the UK's beaches beau-

programme can conduct beach cleans

Lizzie Prior, Beachwatch officer British Beach Clean and its 26 years of aid: "Great British Beach Clean data, and to find beach cleans happen-

Bilingual book about Welsh murals released

turing the phenom-

Dryweryn mural in their heinous act. Llanrhystud, Ceredigion his anger about the to repaint their tributes. 'drowning' of the village Liverpool.

Inspired by author and actress the tragic time. Mari Emlyn from Y Felinheli.

"We are indebted to book shops

Y LOLFA press the young people who have released a new went and rebuilt and bilingual book cap- then repainted the wall in

"Perhaps the vandals enon of the Cofiwch did us a favour, as a mass Dryweryn murals. patriotic awakening has The original Cofiwch snowballed as a result of

"Even when some of was painted by Welsh these new murals have musician and author been defaced the Welsh Meic Stephens and was people have returned his way of expressing quietly, and with dignity,

The book includes 32 of Capel Celyn in the images of walls across 1960s to provide a water Wales, including Cardiff, supply for the people of Clydach and Bridgend. Alongside the images the readers are reminded damage inflicted upon of the tragedy of the the original wall in 'drowning' of Capel Llanrhystud earlier this Celyn's school, homes year, Cofiwch Dryweryn: and community through Cymru'n Deffro - Wales the words of three resi-Awakening was written dents living there during

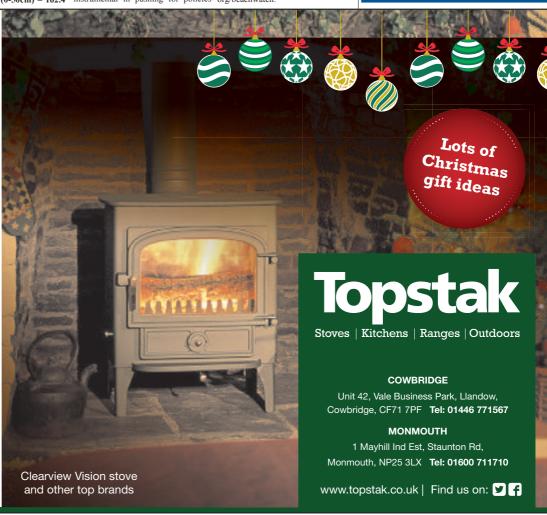
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Doctor honoured at awards for 'significant' contribution to care



SOUTH Wales-based GP, Dr Indian Doctors in Wales.

Hasmukh Shah, has been honIn September 2018, Dr Shah was Hasmukh Shah, has been honoured with the Membership Under Ordinance Award by RCGP Wales at this year's Gala Awards held in Cardiff recently.

The honour from RCGP, the professional body that represents 2,000 General Practitioners across Wales, recognises doctors who have made significant contribution to Primary

Mayur Lakhani CBE, the Health such as EyeCare – a scheme where Minister of Wales, Vaughan Gething teams from Wales have been visiting AM and his fellow GPs for receiving this honour

In June 2018, Dr Shah received the British Empire Medal from the Queen on her Birthday Honour's List.

British Association of Physicians of primary schools in a rural community.

also presented with an NHS 70 badge for his longstanding service to the NHS at 10 Downing Street by then Prime Minister, Theresa May.

Dr Shah was also awarded the

Visiting Fellowship by the University of South Wales in 2017 which was in recognition of his long standing contributions to the medical profession medical education and charitable work

to the people of Wales. He is a trustee for Vale for Africa President of the Royal College of of pounds by arranging fundraising General Practitioners UK, Professor events to support narrnership activities and CRF the UK. Tororo to train and treat thousands of people over the last five years.

In addition, he has raised funds for motorcycle ambulances, a resource centre/library and student scholarship He is also the Secretary of the at Atlantic College and piped water for

Golden oldies at Dogs Trust total 300 in human years





ABOVE: Luna and Casey.

ABOVE: Blossom

Age Dogs (OADs) looking for cosy homes in time for winter: they over 14. total an astonishing 301 in equivalent human years.

owners who can allow her to settle at her a fuss. own pace. She is happier in the company of dogs and must live with another dog children 14 years and older.

Terrier came into the centre after his owner formed personalities for you to get to know, rehoming centre on 01656 338745.

Doggie sisters Luna and Casey are nine-Blossom is a 13-year-old Miniature arrived at the rehoming centre after a Dogs Trust receive one call every six min-Schnauzer; a sweet but sensitive girl who change in their owner's circumstances. utes from people wanting to give up their is looking for a quiet home. She is partially They have limited eyesight so will need a dog, the charity is encouraging people to do sighted so is looking for calm and patient quiet home, sweet friendly girls who enjoy their research to make sure they are ready

"Rehoming an older dog is so rewarding on dog ownership visit www.dogstrust. already in the home; she could live with and has many advantages. They all still org.uk/adogisforlife. If you think you'd be have such a spring in their step and have able to provide the perfect retirement home Dylan the 12-year-old Jack Russell so much love to give. They have fully for one of these dogs please contact the

DOGS Trust Bridgend is cur- became ill. He's a sweet natured dog who is and generally are calmer dogs who need rently home to a number of Old still active for his age, enjoys his walks and slightly less exercise but still like to learn. loves to chase a ball. He will need a home It's a shame when older ages work against without dogs and could live with children our dogs as they really make fantastic additions to the home.

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Cardiff Airport welcomes disabled pilots



Left to right: Pilot Neil Tucker, Spencer Birns from Cardiff Airport and Mike Owen from

CARDIFF Airport has entered into a first time back at Cardiff Airport since he first began new partnership with Aerobility, the training back in 1985. UK's disabled flying charity that provides a range of life-changing flying activities lessons for disabled people; training for disabled pilots to gain qualifications, as well as flying days for disabled aviators.

The partnership means that any pilots flying with booster." the Aerobility scheme will be welcome to depart and land at Cardiff Airport with zero fees, and 'Welcome in the Vales' - to be back at the spot ground handling support is on hand for pilots and where it all started for me almost 35 years ago was

Access to the airfield also gives pilots the opporat Cardiff Airport

a specially adapted Piper Warrior - it was Neil's Aerobility's locations across the UK.

Mike Owen said: "Cardiff is unique to us, it will mean our students can gain experience of flying in and out of an international airport, with complex approaches and controlled airspace. Once they realise how helpful the whole team are at Cardiff, and how well executed it is, it will be a real confidence

Pilot Neil Tucker said: "As expected, a true

Spencer Birns, chief commercial officer at Cardiff tunity to experience longer trips from Aerobility's Airport added: "It's a joy to welcome Neil and base at Blackbushe Airport and enjoy the Welsh Mike, who represent a charity that provides such landscape while gaining more flying hours. Through wonderful experiences and memories for people the support of the team at Aeros Limited, Cardiff's with disabilities or, in some cases, are terminally ill. flight training academy, Aerobility fliers will be We're delighted to offer a complimentary service welcomed into their pilot's lounge when they land to pilots seeking to gain more experience and enjoy the lovely views over Wales. We hope to be able Pilot Neil Tucker, originally from Port Talbot, to arrange more activities with the charity in the flew into Cardiff recently with Aerobility's chief future and look forward to extending a warm, Welsh flying instructor and co-pilot Mike Owen, on board welcome to pilots as they arrive into Cardiff from





NFU welcomes supermarket's Welsh and UK lamb commitment

ment that Waitrose & Partners plans to that Waitrose will be moving to a year-round supply source all of its own label fresh and frozen of Farm Assured quality Welsh and British lamb is lamb from Welsh and British lamb pro-

NFU Cymru has welcomed the announce- uncertainty for the sheep sector, so today's news a welcome boost.

"This is a really positive move from one of the ducers 365 days a year from June 2021. major buyers of lamb in the UK which highlights NFU Cymru Livestock Board Chairman Wyn that there is a strong appetite among consumers for Evans said: "We thoroughly welcome Waitrose's Welsh and British lamb products. We look forward commitment to stock 100% Welsh and British to working in partnership with Waitrose to help lamb from 2021. This comes at a time of great further grow sales of great tasting Welsh lamb."

Council signs updated Affordable Housing **Partnership Guide**

developing partners recently met to sign housing in the area an updated version of the Affordable Housing Partnership Guide.

Representatives from the council's Housing Department, Hafod Housing, Newydd, United Welsh, Wales and West Housing all met to sign the new agreement.

The guide represents a statement of commitment between the partners, setting out how affordable housing will continue to be planned and developed in the Vale. Through its Local Housing Strategy, the council will work as the strategic lead and enabler for ensuring a well-functioning housing

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council and its market, continuing its work to meet the demand for

Mike Ingram, head of Housing and Building Services said: "We have seen development flourish in the Vale of Glamorgan, with hundreds of new homes being delivered for social rent and many more made available through the Aspire2Own shared equity scheme.

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Cadoxton, Steve's much full of 1970s Barbers is a fix- and 1980s models, ture, as Steve has from films and TV been cutting hair heavy emphasis on for 20 years.

opening a 'retro' Star Wars Barber! barbers has become opened.

Business is good,

tomers happy.

Steve's Barbers is while Saturday is retro in another way, 8am to 3pm.

of that era - with a Star Wars - hence In recent years, the nickname, the

His collection is a quite trendy, but subject of fascination Steve has happily for younger custombeen 'retro' since he ers (and older ones too!)

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The family connection doesn't end there, as Alicia's younger sister Naomi also works in the business



Smiling faces are waiting to greet you at Allan's Family Fish Bar in Vere Street.

fish and chip shop, and Allan's Family Fish Bar fits because at Allan's they cook the fish when it is ordered for maximum freshness

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Caddy's Cwtch – a great new place to eat in Cadoxton

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Their day starts at 8am, with breakfast served, as well as a range of baguettes, burgers, paninis and sandwiches. At lunchtime, they offer a range of homecooked meals, including curry and lasagne, all available to eat in or take away. And don't forget that Caddy's Cwtch is a great place to go for Sunday lunch.

You can eat in or take it away, and Sunday lunch service starts at 12 noon. There's a warm welcome at Caddy's Cwtch!



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ness on Vere Street is 'Ultimate 7pm. Barber' - run by Donna Atwell.

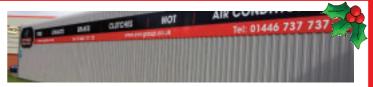
"We have recently added an appointment service so people can book a slot and TV which is playing Netflix for you to have no waiting. We are open six days a enjoy."

A VERY well-established busi- week and have a late night on Fridays till

"We are, however, still a walk in barber Donna told The GEM: "I've been on shop for those who don't want to book. Vere Street for 19 years and have an We offer all types of cuts from short back and sides to fades.

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An intriguing whodunnit – and a modern take on Charlie and his Angels

latest film releases.

This week: an eccentric private detective (Daniel Craig) investigates the suspicious death of a famous novelist (Christopher Plummer) in the tongue-incheek whodunit Knives Out and Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska restore girl power to the action-packed revamp of Charlie's Angels

FILM OF THE WEEK

Knives Out (12A, 130 mins) Thriller/ Drama/Comedy/Romance. Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Lakeith Stanfield, Jaeden Martell, Christopher Plummer, Katherine Langford, Riki Lindhome, Noah Segan, K Callan. Director: Rian Johnson.

Released: November 27 (UK & Ireland)

After the creative misstep of Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi, writer-direcgenre, which served him well for his award-winning 2005 debut feature *Brick*, to pay loving tribute to Agatha Christie a tongue-in-cheek country house whodunit.

Knives Out assembles a starry cast of prime suspects including Chris Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette and Michael Shannon and cleverly conceals the murderer's identity until a classic final act revelation.

Johnson's script lovingly embraces the tropes of a murder mystery while fishing for red herrings, assembling the accused in a wood-panelled drawing room for a private detective's pithy summation, replete with overlapping flashbacks.

Curiously, the film's weakest link is the brilliant mind in charge of the case: a dashingly tailored sleuth played by Daniel Craig with a hammy accent fried in the same Deep South swamp as Steven Soderbergh's 2017 caper Lucky Logan, in which Craig played a heavily tattooed

It's a self-consciously showy turn a la Hercule Poirot without the Belgian's thud but Johnson's entertaining picture ally clumsy pun borrowed wholesale psychological and emotional complexity. stays firmly upright. from *Thunderball*. Supporting performances are more

DAMON Smith reviews the convincing, including Collette's droll latest film releases. lifestyle doyenne and Ana de Armas's nurse, who is the only member of the household to shed tears when her master shifts his mortal coil in suspicious

> Wealthy crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) presides over a motley crew of dysfunctional relatives, who have their beady eyes on his vast fortune.

These self-serving loved ones include his daughter Linda (Curtis) and her hus- Elizabeth Banks. band Richard (Don Johnson), son Walter (Shannon) and his wife Donna (Riki Ireland) Lindhome), widowed daughter-in-law Joni (Collette) and the three grandchildren: Ransom (Evans), Megan (Katherine Langford) and Jacob (Jaeden Martell).

The cantankerous old coot invites his kin to an 85th birthday party at his large mansion but festivities are cut short by arguments and recriminations

Later that same night, after doting carer Marta Cabrera (de Armas) has tor Rian Johnson returns to the detective given Harlan his medication, the novelist apparently commits suicide by slitting his throat with a ceremonial dagger.

Detective Lieutenant Elliott (Lakeith chain of events leading to the homeowner's grim demise.

(Daniel Craig) hovers in the background, closely observing family members including Great Nana (K Callan).

"I would like to request that you all stay until the investigation is completed," purrs the detective as he gathers evidence to paint a very different picture of Harlan's final moments.

Knives Out enjoys pulling the rug from a are exposed with flashes of directorial

Pieces of an elaborate puzzle slot whose lingering presence barely troubles satisfyingly into place as the ensemble the gossamer-thin plot. cast have fun with their colourful roles,

" SWEARING " NO SEX "

VIOLENCE :: RATING: 7.5/10

Charlie's Angels (12A, 118 mins) Action/Adventure/Comedy Romance.

Kristen Stewart, Ella Balinska, Naomi Scott, Elizabeth Banks, Sir Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Tucker, Sam Claflin, Luis Gerardo Mendez, Nat Faxon, Djimon Hounsou, Noah Centineo and the voice of Robert Clotworthy. Director:

Released: November 29 (UK &

In 2015, Elizabeth Banks was in fine voice behind the camera of Pitch Perfect 2, propelling the feelgood sequel to bumper box office takings and a clutch of awards

She is a safe pair of hands to harmonise script and direction of this outlandish globe-trotting escapade based on the popular 1970s TV series, which promoted a brand of girl power distinguished by fabulously coiffed hair and fetishistic figure-hugging couture

Core messages of female empower-Stanfield) and Trooper Wagner (Noah ment and sisterly solidarity thrum in Segan) attend the scene to deduce the every lovingly glossed frame, including an opening titles sequence comprising 's grim demise. a montage of girls and women flexing Quixotic private detective Benoit Blanc muscles and intellects.

Banks's script gleefully punishes male characters who underestimate the titular heroines and expects her high-kicking Angels to weather as many crunching blows to the face as the nameless hulking henchmen they must disable to save the

It's equal opportunities bruising with theatrical flourish, garnished with under us as characters' ulterior motives male eye candy - a handsome scientist (Noah Centineo), a spiritual and physical well-being guru (Luis Gerardo Mendez) –

Set pieces frequently nod to chauconcealing deviousness and greed behind vinistic dinosaur James Bond (a close angelic smiles.

Bond (a close encounter with a rock crusher echoes Many suspects fall from grace with a Licence To Kill) including an intention-

John Bosley (Sir Patrick Stewart) retires as senior controller of the Los Angelesbased Townsend Agency, which operates under the aegis of the enigmatic Charlie Kent's deeply unsettling thriller. (voiced by Robert Clotworthy).

John leaves the agency in rude health fulfilling orders of loyal lieutenants all codenamed Bosley.

In John's absence, another Bosley (Djimon Hounsou) assumes control of a Hamburg rendezvous with whistleblower Elena Houghlin (Naomi Scott), who has evidence that the Calisto energy conserhacked for nefarious means

"There is the possibility for the har-

dled chaos and two plucky Angels her at the hands of white men. - former MI6 agent Jane Kano (Ella Balinska) and heiress jailbird Sabina Wilson (Kristen Stewart) - intervene to save Elena from tattooed assassin Hodak (Jonathan Tucker).

The ladies regroup with a third Bosley remaining Calisto devices before they can be weaponised.

Cue various costume changes, handdance routine to a groovy remix of Donna Summer's disco anthem 'Bad Girls'.

humour with minimum characterisation eventually wins after four ballots.

appealingly feisty and imprint distinct Christian values. personalities onto their ethnically diverse saviours but their on-screen camaraderie is disappointingly undernourished.

Banks shamelessly panders to nostal-Angels over the end credits

:: SWEARING :: NO SEX :: VIOLENCE :: RATING: 5/10

The Nightingale

A wronged woman seeks brutal revenge against her tormentor in 19th-century Australia in writer-director Jennifer

Irish convict Clare (Aisling Franciosi) serves a cruel and unforgiving master, with elite female operatives, known Lieutenant Hawkins (Sam Claffin), who as Angels, stationed around the globe, refuses her request to leave so she can be reunited with her husband and child.

Hawkins punishes Clare's insolence with horrific sexual violence that almost

When Hawkins leaves to visit Launceston, guided by Uncle Charlie (Charlie Jampijinpa Brown), Clare hires vation project pioneered by philanthropist a Letteremairrener man called Billy Alexander Brok (Sam Claflin) can be (Baykali Ganambarr) to help stalk her

As Clare travel across Van Diemen's monic frequency to be reversed," she Land in Billy's company, she confronts her prejudice head on and realises that her The meeting descends into bullet-rid- black guide has suffered just as badly as

The Two Popes (12A, 126 mins)

Jonathan Pryce and Sir Anthony Hopkins are both tipped for Oscar consideration for their powerhouse perfor-(Elizabeth Banks), who tasks the trio mances in director Fernando Meirelles's with infiltrating Brok's offices to steal the award-winning biographical drama, mances in director Fernando Meirelles's which charts a pivotal moment in the history of the Catholic church.

Following the death of Pope Jean Paul to-hand combat and a sequin-studded II in April 2005, the College of Cardinals gathers to elect a successor

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Hopkins) Charlie's Angels blends a familiar and Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Pryce) cocktail of explosive stunts and wry are among the contenders and the former

and narrative outlay.

He takes the name Pope Benedict XVI
Stewart, Balinska and Scott are and advocates a return to fundamental

Unexpectedly, the Pope summons Cardinal Bergoglio to the Vatican for a private audience.

He reveals that he intends to resign gia with throwaway cameos by former the position and hopes that Bergoglio will consider standing to become his

Behind closed doors, the two men debate matters of faith and the human spirit, overcoming their differences as the future of the Catholic church hangs

Bob and his feline friends benefit from backgammon

A CASH boost for charity was raised recently by a backgammon group which meets at Cowbridge Library every Thursday.

The group meets from 1pm-3pm every Thursday and members play for 10p stakes, with an average of four to five games per session and the winnings are collected for charity. The group welcomes new members. It's free, takes five minutes to learn and a lifetime to improve. So if you are at a loose end, why not give it a go; you'll be very welcome.

Forgotten Felines was the charity that benefited most recently from the backgammon group's winnings. It is based in Pontyclun and is run by volunteers. Visit their website thttps://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1181190&subid=0 or Facebook to find out about their work and how to sponsor/adopt



Events in your area

Crime Prevention tables

SEASONAL Crime Prevention Tables which will be held at the Co-op, Brackla Triangle, Brackla, Bridgend on behalf of PCSO Steve Bowen can be seen as follows: December 1: 3pm-5pm; December 16: 9am-11am; December AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale run a drop-in 19: 3pm-5pm.

PACT in Barry

the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Dyfan PACT at the Barry Fire Station. Port Road West, Barry on Monday, December 2 at 7pm.

Coffee in Cadoxton

A COFFEE morning with mince pies to be held at Cadoxton Bowls pavilion, Victoria Park on Monday, December 2 from 10.30am onwards, £1.

PACT in Bridgend

MAESTEG East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, December 5 at 6pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday,

Pyle / Cefn Cribwr / Cornelly PACT at Pyle Life Bridgend. Tickets (£5) on the door. Centre on Thursday, December 5 at 6.30pm

Llangeinor PACT at Llangeinor Football Club, Llangeinor on Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm. Caerau PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on

Monday, January 6 at 7pm.

Stroke support in Barry monthly Stroke Club in the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Chat to others over a cuppa. Thursday, December WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa 5 from 10am to 12 will be the next session. Why with a Copper' held every Monday morning at not just come along? Call 01446 732385 for further

> It's a Wonderful Life at the Memo LIGHTHOUSE Theatre presents It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play on Thursday, December 5 at 7.30pm at the Memo Arts Centre,

Further information and tickets are available from www.memoartscentre.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01446 738622

Choir concert

BRIDGEND Male Choir will be joined by St Mary's RC Primary School Choir in varied music at the Friendship Concert on Friday, December 6 at 7pm in St Mary's RC Church, Ewenny Road,

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH PARK CRESCENT & THE KNAP

Park Crescent can solve so many of your Christmas problems

OVER the last month, The Glamorgan GEM area, and also the range of shops. has highlighted all that's best in local shopping areas across the Vale.

What they all have in common is hardworking, committed business people, often running family concerns, who enjoy serving the public, and Park Crescent (leading into St Nicholas Road) fits this formula to a tee.

It is a key thoroughfare in Barry, a popular route down to the relaxing Knap Gardens, the attractions of the Island, and the open spaces of picturesque Romilly Park shop you need is never too far away.

It features a host of long-established family businesses, all providing top services for local people and of stress, but Park Crescent's helpful and enthusiastic visitors to the town love the buzz and friendliness of the traders can make things a great deal easier

While established businesses continue to thrive, Park Crescent is also an ideal testing ground for new ventures, giving young entrepreneurs a chance to dip their toes in the water.

As a result, it is an interesting mix of businesses. Some have been there for more than 20 years, while the newest - Cake & a Cwtch - has its opening day on December 7!

Park Crescent is a compact shopping area where the

Christmas shopping is always going to be a source

THERE can few names better five years. known in local hairdressing circles than Asprou's, and the family has been alongside him. active in the busi-

In Park Crescent you types of styles. will find Harry Asprou,

the 1960s.

A warm welcome for you

at Asprou's

by his cousin Costa, also an experienced barber, ward to seeing customers who is there full time old and new over the

ness in Barry since traditional men's barbers

"It's great to have 8am to 3pm.

(right) at Aspróu's Barbers.

Harry

and Costa

be who has been there for Costa in the business. He

is an experienced barber Harry has been joined with years of training. "We are looking for-

festive season, and hope Harry said: "We are a to see you all next year."

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Shaun, a GDC-registered dental technician with 20 years' experi-ence, is refurbishing his office, but has all he needs in the laboratory to make and repair dentures.

He does a variety of work for local dentists, but his office is open to the public solely for denture repairs, which can be done on a while-you-wait basis.

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Demon Barbers looking forward to Christmas



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There is a great atmosphere Crescent, and it is obvious that and a Happy New Year."

ing customers feel relaxed and

Owner Steve said: "We are open to Friday and 8am to 3.30pm on

"We would like to wish all our in their premises in 124, Park customers a very Merry Christmas



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in Park Crescent.

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Me Christmas in mind. so Pretty by Heidi, a it is advisable to check the company's Facebook

Heidi added: "We are really looking forward It is her third Christmas to seeing clients old and new over the festive

Danielle joined Polish teaches nail and beauty Me Pretty in May, and technology, using the specialises in all aspects salon as a base. All her of lashes, including courses are fully accred- lash lift, and also nail art. Recently, she has In December, they been on courses run by

A fish and chip favourite



Harvey's is a firm, and fishy, family favourite for festive shoppers.



Nail care and beauty Cake and a Cwtch – open in time for Christmas



CAKE & a Cwtch is an exciting new cake shop opening Saturday, December 7, at 10am at No 10, Park Crescent, Barry.

The owner, Sarah Hunt, told The GEM: "I have been working in the cake business for nearly nine years creating bespoke weddings, birthdays and cakes for all occasions.

"As well as bespoke cakes, there will be cupcakes, cookies, brownies, biscuits, cold drinks and takeaway tea and coffee daily.
"I will also be selling cake

decorations, sugarcraft sup-plies, boards, boxes, icing etc, all the things you will need to have a go at making your own cakes

"I look forward to meeting you all on the opening day where there will be taster samples and a little glass of bubbly to celebrate

"I would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Relax and let Sue take care of your hair



Jayne and Sue at Cutting

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popular line at this time of year.

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geared the trees, and also on another popular the festive season.

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years! ONE very well-es- increasingly popular in well worth checking out tablished business in the area and, let's face the company Facebook Park Crescent is A & A it, any form of dance is and Instagram accounts on the celebrating its a great way to exercise.

Still dancing...after 25

A & A are a partnersoon be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

ship of dance enthusiasts Children keen to learn with a plenty of knowlare well catered for, but there has definitely been edge and experience. Throughout and new, at A & A a 'Strictly spin off' effect which has seen more adults either refreshing old skills or starting from

scratch.
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December, selected lines Dancewear this festive will be on offer, and it is season



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This truly unique Christmas store ness continues to expand with this year is a must see if you love everything set to be the best ever.

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The buyers at Seasons Christmas LED room, where hundreds of indoor

Outlet have yet again come up trumps and outdoor items are lit up. scouring Europe and beyond sourcing Further inside you'll discover thousands and thousands of exciting the stunning and popular Santa's

Christmas products, this family busi-

the region of 20,000 Christmas goods, Christmas decorations artificial trees and so much more, all under one roof.

to see this truly sparkling magical

Now in its 19th year of selling on its impressive website There several spectacular display First stop for most areas in the store.

new items for their ever-growing army of customers. People young and old flock from all over the UK and abroad Earlier this year, Seasons' te Christmas Grotto, which always sells

Earlier this year, Seasons' team of elves were busy redecorating Santa's NOTHING beats Spruce with the Christmas The grotto's new makeover home. Seasons now stocks somewhere in theme is surely set to delight Santa and his visitors once again.

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THE tenants at The Sycamore Tree in Colwinston, Mark and Saturday in December as we move Emma Hall, are looking for- towards Christmas, and The Sycamore ward to their second Christmas at the village's Brains pub.

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Mark added: "We have a free buffet This year's festive menu is available and live entertainment on New Year's

"We would like to thank customers Christmas, and Mark is asking cus- old and new for their support, and we tomers to pre order their requirements. wish everyone a Merry Christmas and

Christmas Remembrance Service

MEL Chapel, Support. Salem Pencoed at 7pm.

Ron Remembrance Service Watkins Funeral an annual event to help Services will be remind families who holding their third the warmth of shared annual Christmas Christmases past, of the Remembrance brightest Christmases Service on Sunday, to come and the importance of fellowship and

Our service includes the opportunity to place Christmas is a won- a remembrance star on derful time of the year our Christmas tree and for so many but also is followed by some one of sadness for those light refreshment in the who have lost a loved vestry. We're delighted one. It has been our aim to be joined again by to make our Christmas Cowbridge Male Voice

Mixed Choir from Maesteg.

Entry is free; our chosen charity this year is LATCH, the Welsh children's is available in Pencoed Comprehensive cancer charity. LATCH supports the School. For further information conchildren and their families who are tact Amy Watkins on 01656 860545 being treated in the oncology unit at or email contact@melandronwatkinsthe Children's Hospital of Wales. We funeralservices.co.uk

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Epilepsy support

EPILEPSY Wales run a monthly support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, November 28 from 10.30am to 12pm. You will be able to chat to health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what is available in your local area, support groups and advice.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732395 for further information.

Poetry in the Green Room

SUSTAINABLE Wales' Green Room returns on Friday, November 29 at 9pm, with poet Frances Presley and an Extinction Rebellion-themed open mic, featuring film, music and poetry. It takes place above SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl.

Frances Presley lives in London, and her collections are published by both Shearsman and Salt. Signed copies will be available. Everyone

THE committee at Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road

An evening of brass

THE Rectorial Benefice of Barry are hosting An Evening of Music with Barry Brass Band and grand prize draw at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Friday, November 29.

Doors open at 6.30pm, tickets available from church members or or door. Adults £5 to include coffee and mince pie, children £1.

Christmas Trees

WESLEY Church Centre Tondu will hold their annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, November 30 between 10am and 3pm.

Christmas trees provided by local organisations and decorated in a variety of themes will light up the church, and there will be stalls with refreshments available. There will be special services in the church over Christmas in addition to the regular Sunday services each week at 10.30am and 3pm. On Wednesday, December 18 at 5.30pm there is a wine and mince pies. There is a free car park on the carol service with contributions by Tondu Primary School choir and on just before the church. Enquiries to 029 20701303. Christmas Eve there is a Christingle service at 5.30pm.

Table top sale

THE Sandville Self Help Centre in Ton Kenfig is holding a table 4HX) at 2pm for a 2.5 mile walk around Gileston.

Church's 200th anniversary

BETHEL Baptist Church, Durell Street, Llantwit Major, is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a hog roast (provided by Farmers Pantry) at 4.30pm followed by a concert in the church on Saturday, November 30, and a special celebration service at Country Park: meet at the cafe car park at 10am. 10.30am on Sunday, December 1.

Rhoose Bingo

are holding their fundraising Christmas Bingo afternoon next Saturday, November 30.

Doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. At half time light refreshments will be served and there will be a Christmas raffle. Come and join us for a festive afternoon.

Christmas at St Lawrence

FOR a foretaste of the festive season, join the congregation at the registration form from our website: www.cinnamon.org.uk.

old former Church of St Lawrence, Fort Road, Lavernock at 3pm on Sunday, December 1, for an hour of Christmas readings, poetry and carols.

Rev Margaret Stark will offer some thoughts about Christmas and Anne Thomas will accompany the carols on the French harmonium. The church will be decorated enthusiastically by the working party and the congregation are invited to the Marconi Inn afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies. There is a free car park on the left of Fort Road

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, December 1 meet at Gileston beach car park (CF62

Father Christmas will be opening the event, and he will be in his grotto in the log cabin to greet any children who want to meet him.

The same of Saturuay, November 30, 2.30pm to 4pm.

On Tuesday, December 3 Crwydro: Cwm Colhuw; meet at 10am maes parcio Neuadd y Dre, Llanilltud Fawr.

On Wednesday, December 4 the Coffee Shop Stroller of Communications. Park. The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet

at 2.30pm outside Llantwit Major town hall.
On Thursday, December 5 the Living with Cancer Strollers meet at

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On Friday, December 6 a Wellbeing Walk takes place in Porthkerry

Cinnamon Trust

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Ethel

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loved father-in-law of Michael, Mark and Lizzy, and adored grandfather of Lauren, Kelsey, Olivia, Sam, William and Heidi. Robin will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until his service on Thursday, 5th December at 1.30pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium (Port Road East, Barry).

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SPITERI

Margaret

Peacefully at home on 19th November 2019. Beloved wife of the late Jack Spiteri, dearly loved mother, nan, great-nan, sister and mother-in-law, who will be sorely missed. Funeral is on Wednesday, 4th December, 11am at A.G. Adams Funeral Care, Barry, followed by internment at Barry Cemetery 12 noon. Donations to Marie Curie, Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth

FORREST

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HORN Kathleen

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Peacefully after a short illness on 19th November 2019, aged 71 years. Loving mother to John and David, cherished nan to James and Daniel.

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Successful weekend for **Pencoed Phoenix teams**

P E N C O E D Carr scored one try and enjoyed a fine weekend with all three Kathryn Stacey and victories.

Port and returned with apiece. Rosie Carr a fine 17-59 result. Leanne scored four tries and kicked seven convertained Gilfach Goch and sions. Amie Stevens secured a tight 22-17 tries and Laura Keeble Nicholson chipped in with a brace.

and produced flowing, running rugby. Even when Port came with within 10 points, Phoenix still dug player of the match. deep to control game. Players from Phoenix by who made significant Hancock contributions included juliehancock.org) Eleri Harris Thomas, Rhiannon Thomas, Jade Thomas, Laura Keeble, and Lauren Aitkins – to name a few. The tackle count from Linzi Morgan and Millie Wilson must have been off the scale. Player of the match

and Rhiannon Thomas. The under-18s played Ynysddu at home and took the spoils 50-0. Mia Davies led the way with three tries. Rosie

went to Leanne Burnell

RFC kicked five conversions.

Lowri Davies. recording Jade Davies, a GB international gym-The senior side nast on her debut for travelled to Burry the club, scored a try was chosen as the Burnell player of the match.

The under-15s enterscored a hat-trick of victory. Ellie Lewis crossed the whitewash twice Phoenix had all their Hannah Marshall scored Welsh international a try and kicked one rugby league players conversion and Demi Wallis scored a try.

For the second consecutive week, Demi Wallis was chosen as

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> TOP RIGHT: Amie Stevens offloads in the

MIDDLE RIGHT: Leanne Burnell at full speed.

RIGHT: Rhiannon Thomas breaks a tackle.







Dinas Powys Football Club opens new stand



Dinas Powys FC recently refitted its stand at the Murch with new seating. At the presentation was the chair of the club, Brian Clifton, pictured with local businessman Chris Mort (left), of CJ Contract Travel Services Ltd, Barry, one of the main sponsors of the club.

Presentation evening at **Brynhill Golf Club**

RECENTLY, Brynhill Golf Club held its 99th annual presentation night, a black tie and sparkle evening which was well attended and enjoyed by both members and friends of the Barry club.

Beginning with the presentation of the trophies and an emo-tive tribute to Brynhill legend John Collins from club champion Scott Bowman, the evening degenerated into a raucous night of dad dancing. As always, the turnout for the Sunday Pro Comp was lower than usual and

while correlation is not necessarily causation, I'd humbly suggest there is a link. The Pro Comp was won by notorious hackers Chick and Such, 46 points squeezing out fellow choppers Bounds and Townsend on a back nine count back. Last week, the Brynhill Seniors also hosted their presenta-tion lunch, and the afternoon saw Andrew Down lift the Seniors Championship while Bob Bounds was named Senior Player of the Year.

Alan Sweeny

Club captain Jamie Griffiths presenting the cup to club champion Scott Bowman



Club captain Jamie Griffiths presenting the Ladies Championship Cup to Claire Downton.



Bold plan lands big gamble

A HUGE gamble on a five-yearold bay gelding called Bold Plan, which came home five lengths trained by Llancarfan's Evan ahead of the Dai Rees-trained Misty Williams, paid off handsomely when the ex-Irish winning pointto-pointer landed the BetFair Stud at Pyle, who sponsored all six Exchange Handicap Hurdle worth races on the card is a leading trainer of more than £31,000 to the winner point-to-pointers and has also saddled at Haydock Park last Saturday many winners under Rules himself. (November 23).

A 10-1 chance on the morning of the race, Bold Plan, ridden by Robbie Power, made up a lot of ground in the latter stages of the race David Brace-owned and trained former after making a mistake early on, to winning point-to-pointer Colorado win by two-and-a-half lengths from the favourite WhoShotTheSheriff.

So much money was laid on the horse, which had finished 10th of 16 in its previous race at Chepstow, that it was returned the 11/4 favourite.

At Ascot, Bold Plan's stablemate, the strongly fancied The Last Day, partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, blew away its chances in the two-miles one furlong handicap chase with mistakes at the first two fences but made up a lot of ground in the closing stages to trained Capeland, and in doing so picked up £5,775 in prize money.

James Bowen and his brother Sean both rode winners at the meeting. Hunter Chase at Ffos Las in 2010. James won the opening novices hurdle event on the Nicky Hendersen trained Valtor and Sean took the Coral

Hurdle on Henry Fry's *If The Cap Fits*. **Connor's three-timer**

CONNOR Brace made it three wins ing the opening Sun Trade Windows from Emma Lavelle's Nambid Dancer. Handicap Chase at Ffos Las last Friday

Eight-year-old Heavenly Promise, Mai, is trained by Fergal O'Brien and was returned the 3-1 favourite.

Mr Brace OBE, of the Dunraven

There was a close finish to the Bracey's Maiden Hurdle in which the Rebecca Curtis-trained Summer Name got home by a neck from the Doc, racing for the first time in 607 days. Colorado Doc was ridden by Connor Brace, who we will be hearing a lot more of in the future.

Cowbridge's Charlie Price, riding the Bernard Llewellyn-trained Never Equalled was an eight lengths winner of the Dunraven Windows Handicap Hurdle

Never Equalled is owned by former champion amateur rider Isabel Thompsett, who knows what it is like to ride a winner at Ffos Las and she will finish fourth behind the Paul Nicholls- always be associated with that prolific winning hunter chaser and point-topointer on whom she won 26 races including the Dunraven Foxhunters

and at Kempton THERE'S no stopping 3lb claiming jockey Connor Brace. On November 25 at Kempton Park riding for his boss Fergal O'Brien Connor won the EBF Stallions NH Novices'Hurdle on in a row on his grandfather David 15-2 chance Golden Taipan, which Brace's Heavenly Promise when land- got home by three parts of a length

Resolven's resolve makes Porthcawl RFC work for their win



Maesteg Celtic's Scott Sainsbury.

Division 2 League Morgan Lloyd clear. fixture, a game holding strong.

in the middle third of down and Sainsbury second half with the pitch with occa-22s. Celtic started well after five minutes.

pass to wing Kristian quick ball to Sainsbury, before a speedy break

Celtic travelled to ground before passing to Kristian Jenkins halfway allowed their Ystradgynlais for a to wing Lee Arthur, who touched down: outside half to score. who put full back Sainsbury converted.

closely contested to the 22 before kicking pushover try before to go. Celtic attacked with both defences ahead and Jenkins beat Sainsbury ended the furiously, but handling the cover defence to half with a penalty kick. errors and over-en-Most of the play was the ball for the touch-

sional forays into the closed the gap with a Sean Lambert, Morgan well-worked try before Reeves and Mark and earned a penalty Celtic scored again. Wilkins, together with Sainsbury kicked a pen- great work by the back Outside half Scott alty to touch in the 22 row of Peter Kehoe, Sainsbury was suc- and second row Alex Josh Mines and Ryan match Scott Sainsbury cessful from 35 metres. Jones won the four- Turner. The home team calmly kicked the Celtic went further man lineout. Number were forced to concede winning ahead when second row eight Ryan Turner took a penalty, which was Kieran Power won a lin- the ball at the home kicked by Sainsbury. eout near halfway and defence and scrum Ystradgynlais kicked Maesteg Celtic Sainsbury threw a miss half Liam Healy gave a penalty of their own

kicked the conversion. impressive forward The home team drives by front rowers

who made who threw a long pass by their scrum half on

The home team home team were now one point Lloyd took the ball responded with a ahead with 20 minutes Celtic began the thusiastic penalties allowed the home team to keep them out.

With minutes left on the clock. Ystradgynlais three quarters conceded a penalty on their 22 and Celtic man of the

Final

Ystradgynlais 26

Resolven's resolve makes Porthcawl work for their win



Ben Asprea's first try. Photograph by Tracey Williams.

division 29-15 win against a stubborn Resolven side.

Louis Protheroe, back 19-3

to climb back into White pushing his kick second spot in the uncharacteristically

just five minutes as forward pressure caught into points as centre Sean closing stages and when centre Jon Phillips the Seaweeds offside Wilcox capitalised with Resolven snatched a final switched to the left and for 12-3 before Asprea a strong burst and fin-converted try for 29-15, provided the perfect found himself in space pass to Asprea, who fully 45 metres out, bonus point and White's their efforts deserved, galloped away to dive sliced through a gap and extras making it 29-3. With Wales playing over in the corner, his cantered away to score Resolven are a hard this weekend, the players try converted superbly at the posts, without a Neath valley side though, get a rest before travelling by Josh White for 7-nil. hand so much as touch- and they started to get that long haul to Builth Not to be outdone, ing him and White's more into the match with Wells on 07 December Asprea's fellow flanker conversion made it some determined for for what could be a

on 27 minutes. from injury and superb Resolven played a it paid off as they moved throughout the match typical forward-driving down the left and found

A fabulous brace of with his winning of game but they found the the extra space required tries from flanker turnovers at the breakhome defence somewhat to snatch a try for 29-8.

Ben Asprea in try inst two minutes. White knocked over a with Tom Davies movement.

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ward play and eventually cracking top four clash

the opening half, paved the way for Porthcawl RFC McNally. He sped over, looked comfortable at time at scrum-half, fol-22-3 to end the first half. lowed by Joe Williams Porthcawl continued taking over from White in the same vein at the with 12 minutes left.

Presentation evening at Cottrell Park Golf Club

COTTRELL Golf Resort members held their annual prize presentation day on November 16.

The day started with shotgun start where over 80 competitors enjoyed a mixed fourball Texas Scramble, followed by a hearty hot buffet and then it straight into the presentation of all the winners and runners-up for the season of 2019. Among Ladies' Club Champion - Megan Cullinane; runner-up Eleanor Lewis. Ladies' Golfer of the Helen Evans. Men's Club Champion Barrie Jones; ner-up Adrian Harding. Men's Golfer of the

Year - Rhys Sutcliffe.



This year's captains Craig Beer and Tina Morgan.

Plaudits for Llantwit Major Nippers

Nippers and Juniors held their annual

Simon Jennings Jones; included: Liz Durrant for competition entries, Emily Godsell for various organisational tasks, Rees Harris; Gopher for ferrying equip-Eustace, Jamie Bartlett- Coaches' Nipper - Emily Jenkins, Daf Hewitt and McDonagh; Daf Saunders Emma Craythorne plus the Award - Martha Pegram various parents who have helped with water cover

ing results over the season

LLANTWIT Major managed gold medals in Surf Lifesaving Club the Welsh Championships.

Trophies follows: awarded as Pleasure To Coach presentation recently Marged Evans and Jack to celebrate a won- Rowles; Best Newcomer derful season. - Indie Ward and Menna Most Improved opened proceedings for - Mali Davies and Ianto the Nippers, thanking the Lewis; Most Committed helpers who make the sec-Competitor - Lillya tion run smoothly. These Williams; Most Determined Simirin Rane; Most her meticulous work with Improved Timed Swim 50m Ellen Woodhall

100m Scott Sawyer, 200m Nipper - Talar Rhysment around to training and Dillon, Caleb Stockton events, pool coaches of Lee and Maverick Jennings; Eustace, Jamie Bartlett- Coaches' Nipper - Emily

Throughout the season

the Nipper section have at training and events. finished highly in most The 2008 group of girls competitions but lost out to got a special mention as some of the big clubs in the some of the big clubs in the they have been a strong area due to their extra numgroup and had some amaz- bers. Looking at the coming season though, the squad







Llantwit Lifeguards have also recently been successful and been chosen as one of the charities that the Co-op will be fundraising with regular multiple point have competitors at every for over the next 12 months. This will allow was also a special menton for Flo Durrant and successes and start chalMaverick Jennings, who lenging the bigger clubs.

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Some Vale **Bridge Club** results

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club RESULTS for the Liam Sheridan 58.68% Vale of Glamorgan second, Barbara Exton bridge club for 25 November

59.72%: Linda Jenkins and Bill Turner and Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; third, Barbara Exton and Helen Barrie.

> Old Hall Bridge Club

FOR in aid of Children Trickey; third, in Need was run, and nationally over £38,000 was raised; Dot since 2002 they have Pam Hanmer; second lion pounds.

The results from our club were as follow.

First, John Raymond Allan Lewis. third, Beard and Liam Sheridan call Graham Norris 56.94%; email

For November 20: First, John Beard and and Eleanor Jones and Judith Nunn 56.75% re as follow. fourth, Mearl Owen and Myrtle Williams 56 35% Myrtle Williams 56.35%; fifth, Cathy and James Mangles 55.90%.

Llantonian Bridge Club

THE latest November scores are as follow.

November 18: first Dot Williams and Pam November Hanmer; second, David 13 a competition Simpson and Diana Beckwith and Martin-Jones.

November 25: first Williams and raised over one mil- Caroline Leonard and Meryl Phillips; third, Mike Stephens and Gill Daniels.

The club meets every Monday at 7pm in the 63.89%; second, Barbara Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Exton and Eleanor Jones Major. New members John and visitors welcome, Alan Beckwith 56.94%; fourth, Sue and on 01446 775836 or fifth, Cathy and James btinternet.com for more Mangles 56.60%.

Bridgend Athletic Youth's fine away win at Dunyant

Athletic Youth, top of Osprevs Division East, travelled to Dunyant for a friendly against very strong Dunvant Youth and came away with a 38-14 win.

Both teams started strongly, with the Ath piling on early pressure. However, a succession of penalties saw Dunvant up a ruck near the Ath line to cross for a try against the run of play. It was brilliantly converted by their outside half.

From the restart, great phase play took the Ath into the opposition 22 and in a carbon copy of the previous week, centre Tom Reed took a pass from scrum half Thom Lewis and looked to charge forward, off-loading at the last minute to send fellow centre Danny Osarigie flying over under the posts for a great try converted by Ethan White.

Back came Dunvant again, aided by the Ath conceding several penalties, to again go over for a try from five metres out. The try again converted

BRIDGEND by their outside half. Five minutes later, a barnstorming run from No 8 Michael Gillette saw him feed flanker Josh Llewellyn, who went over for a great try again converted from wide out by Ethan White, to level the scores at 14-14 at half time.

The second half saw the Ath dominating possession and the forwards took control of the game, constantly driving Dunvant back from lineouts and scrums. Two such lineouts inside the Dunvant 22 saw hooker and captain Jack Obbard crash over for two tries, one converted by full back Rhys Williams

Second row Morgan Bennett flew over in the corner for a fantastic team try, and then came the try of the match. Josh Llewellyn, from 40 metres out, threw the most outrageous dummy, causing the defence to resemble the Red Sea parting, allowing 'Moses' to fly through. Showing great pace he rounded the full back and carried three would be tacklers over the try line. Callum Reed's conversion was the last act of the game.

Barry and District Clubs results round-up

Romilly Railway 3; XII 5, Allsorts 2. Liberals 6, Cadoxton Wyndham Cons 9.

League: 66, Moors Boys 65.

has agreed a new

tour for the team.

Social B 1; Sea View End C 30.0; Rhoose Rhoose Social B 15, barryleagues.co.uk. Exiles 6, Liberals A Social B 25.5; Cambrian *Liberators 4. Slammers 2; Barry Town 14.5.

51.0. Rhoose Social C C 5. Romilly 41.0, Rhoose Social A League: West End Wyndham Cons D 23, 32.0; Barries Boys A 24, Cadoxton Cons

Skittles Division 1: 30.5; Rhoosters 30.5; B 22, Rhoose Social C

1; Barries Boys 5, Flyers 21.0; Liberals A

Wales basket-

ball team nets

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Wales under 15 basket- Embleton team man-

ball team, which trains at ager, said: "The players

School in Bridgend, has through rigorous trials to

been handed £1,000 make the team and now

West Wales through its compete in a European

Community Champions tournament. The basket-

THE latest results FC 6.5, West End C 0.5; Snooker Division West End B 1; West from the Barry and Liberals C 7, Cambrian 1: Cadoxton Cons B End A 1, Market Street District Clubs are as Flyers 0; Rhoose Social 1, Wyndham Cons B 4; Harbour A 4, Sullv C 4.5, Rhoose Social A A 4, Penarth Cons B Sports A 1; Market Street

Crib Division 1: 2.5; Rugby Club 2, West 2, Cadoxton Cons Z C 2, Market Street A 3. Rhoose Social 12. End D 5; King William 3, Rhoose Social C 0, League: Market Street Harbour B 5, Savoy B C 32, Market Street A League: West End D 4, Rhoose Social B 1, 2, Savoy C 29, Harbour

Cons 9; Moors Boys 6, 51.5, Sea View Exiles Liberators 0, West End A 27, Services Social B 26. West End A 23.

Railway 78, Rhoose 40.5, Rugby Club 40.5, C 37, Harbour B 34, Market Street B 22, Social 75, Liberals 71, King William XII 40.0; Savoy B 32, Cadoxton Cadoxton Cons A 21, West End 70, Wyndham Barry Town FC 38.5; Cons Z 26, Penarth Cons West End B 18, Sully Cons 70, Cadoxton Cons Liberals C 36.0; Allsorts A 25, Wyndham Cons Sports A 15.

* = Points Deducted. View all results and Rhoosters 6, Rhoose Slammers 30.0; West 16, Penarth Cons B 15, league tables at www.

Snooker Division 2: Cadoxton Cons A 4.

Bridgend Bridge Club's latest scores

A WELSH youth which the sponsor-BRIDGEND Bridge The winners on handicap basketball team ship will help cover.

The under 15 team Disley, with partner Day Bowser.

On November 23: partnership with has received £1,000 Persimmon Porthcawl Bridge Simon Richards; third, a regional houseHomes West Wales, Congress winning Emer Disley and Bill builder to help who will be the team's the Men's Pairs fund a European match shirt sponsor. competition.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The Club Cynffig Comprehensive selected have had to go Championship completed on November 20: First, Mike Best and Tony Disley; second, by Persimmon Homes have the opportunity to Tony Ratcliff and Julian Wickham.

scheme. The sponsorship ball tour will not only On November 21. will help fund a summer benefit the players sport-Equal first, Eileen welcome. Mahoney Jeff European tour for the ing skills but the players Barnett, and talented group of young- personally. We are very Davies and with many expenses, Homes West Wales." and Maggie Ashpole.

Adrian Thomas, First, Dave and Debbie was successful in the Lea; second, Debbie and Turner. The winners on handicap were Dave and Debbie Lea.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Pairs Weunes evenings at Hall. Wednesday and Friday Nolton Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with Pottage; third, Glyn the bidding. All sessions Williams and Irene are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always

For more information, Stuart contact Steve Burgoyne Dilys on 01656 661968 or sters. The tour comes thankful to Persimmon Bowser; third, Richard email Steve at steve@

gift for Ty Hafan

St Mary's seniors'



Senior

The day was bitterly out the fairways. three of the final placings broke the nominal par of 34 points for the 17 holes, with Malcolm Jones and Trefor Jones sharing the top spot on winning on countback. Gareth Thomas was

placed third on 36 points. Children's Hospice, Ty Hafan, came along to the

section's AGM to receive the proceeds of 2019 outgoing captain Dave Hughes' charity fund. Accepting the cheque (pictured above with place on this occasion.

Mr Hughes) expressed NL

Mary's GC her gratitude, explaining Section's to the members present main event of the that less than five per week was an individ-income comes from ual Stableford com- government and they are, petition contested therefore, heavily reliant by a field of 35. on public donations.

The section's second cold but on the plus side, competition of the week the brisk wind had cer- was played out under tainly helped in drying even more brutal arctic conditions and the reduced field of 15 sensibly opted to play the competition over just 12 holes. The format was a team Stableford 38 points, with Malcolm played in three-balls with each of the five teams recording the best two of their three Lauren Saddler of the scores at each hole. With the support of fellow team members Bob Coombes and Mike Tayler, and a combined score of 59 points, Trefor Jones was justifor £670, Ms Saddler fiably promoted to first

Porthcawl Bridge Club help CiN

THE club recently in the Men's Pairs, and held the Simultaneous Pairs, Championship. in which players scored centrally. THE winners in the club were Glyn and Vida, and they were also the highest placed national pair from among those competing in the club. The total proceeds from the event are donated to Children In Need, and Porthcawl's contribution was £160 of a British total of £39 309

some of our members competed in the annual Porthcawl Bridge consuccesses were Tony and on 01656 785794. Kevin who came second

heat Dave and Norma who came second in the consolation major Pairs

Other club results are throughout Britain November 9: first. Tony play identical hands, Haworth and John Beard; the results are then second, Trish Saunders

November 14 Children In Need Pairs: first. Glyn Williams Vida Halford; second. John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

November 16: Tony Haworth and Gerry Doak: second. Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth. November 21: first.

Vida Halford and Glyn (Since the event started Williams; second, Terry in 2002 Bridge has contributed £1,070,691.)

The club meets twice

Also last weekend a week at the Awel-v-Mor centre: Thursdays 6.45pm Saturdays 3.15pm - 6.15 gress, which attracts pm; visitors welcome at players from clubs any time. To contact the throughout Wales. Local club, call secretary Trish

Brian Lee

Whitney

Evan's top weighted runner wins at Warwick

EVAN Williams's 10-year-old King's Odyssey, ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, landed the John Sumner CONNOR Brace, who began his race riding

At Lingfield the day before (November 19), Alan Johns – stable jockey to Aberthin's Tim Vaughan - chalked up another winner when scoring on Barntown, which had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over Theo's Charm. Connor's Chepstow winner

Memorial Veterans Handicap Chase at career riding in pony races and point-to-points Warwick on Wednesday (November 20). for his grandfather David Brace OBE, who King's Odyssey, which carried top runs the Dunraven Stud at Pyle near Bridgend, weight of 12st.7lbs, got home by half-a gave his followers plenty to cheer about at length from the lightly-weighted Smooth Stepper and was returned the 9-4 favourite. won the three-miles handicap hurdle on the Fergal O'Brien trained Good And Hardy. The six-year-old, which went off the 3-1 favourite in a field of 12 runners, scored by one-length-and-a-half from the Don Skelton trained According To Gino.



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Barry move up to second place in league after good home win





Clayton Green opened the scoring at Jenner Park.

KAYNE McLaggon netted Barry Town's 1,000th all-time goal Markham-Jones to have illegally brought down substitute Luke Borrelli. in the JD Cymru Premier on Friday, as Gavin Chesterfield's team returned to winning ways with an assured 3-0 victory over Penybont.

McLaggon's 89th minute tap-in, following effective set-up play from substitutes Mo Touray and Callum Sainty, rounded off a good night's work for Barry, who return to second spot.

Played in wet conditions, Town had led Friday's derby from

Barry are back up to second in the JD Cymru Premier

Striker Borrelli then stepped up to the spot, but his penalty kick was comfortably saved by teenager Ratcliffe, capping a fine week for the young goalkeeper, who had kept a clean sheet for Wales under-21s in their 1-0 win against Bosnia and Herzegovina at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground on Tuesday.

With the opportunity gone, Penybont were forced to stomach a second successive derby day defeat; one that keeps the top flight newcomers a point adrift of safety at the tail end of the table.

Played in wet conditions, Town had led Friday's derby from the 31st minute, when Clayton Green got on the end of a loose ball boost, after McLaggon mishit from a Keyon Reffell corner. Then, much like the national team earlier in the week, Barry asserted their position with a second goal moments into the second half, as Luke Cummings of the 2018-19 season, but were then beaten 3-2 by Barry at Latham of the Conversely, Barry's challenge at the top end has enjoyed a timely boost, ahead of the visit of Chris Hughes' Newtown in the JD Cymru Premier this Saturday (November 29); a 2.30pm kick-off at Jenner Park. Newtown claimed a 3-1 win at Jenner Park on the final day of the 2018-19 season, but were then beaten 3-2 by Barry at Latham

returning Barry goalkeeper George Ratcliffe was deemed by referee Bryn

Newtown claimed a 3-1 win at Jenner Park on the final day of the 2018-19 season, but were then beaten 3-2 by Barry at Latham of the 2018-19 season, but were then beaten 3-2 by Barry at Latham Park in October, making Saturday's showdown a tough one to call.

Admission for Barry's match with Newtown this Saturday is payable at the turnstiles, with the mid-Wales outfit set to provide the opposition again seven days later, in the JD Welsh Cup third round.

Ashley Cox

Barry and **District Men's Skittles League**

HERE are the lat- 30), Colcot Boys 279 (K est results from the Browne 29); Barry Park
Barry and District B 274 (N Stephenson League.

Division 1: Posties 291 (J Herridge 29), Geest 262 (S R Jones 30); Park Lads 274 (D Jones 32), British Rail 273 (B Cureton 30); Merrymen 288 (A Pearce 30), Willie Wombles 264 (R Peterson 29); Billy Whizz 296 (S Coombs 32), Sea View 300 (R Perry, B Watkins 28); Blue Monkey 283 (C Paget 30), Cavaliers 284 (M Treweek 31); 49ers 300 (J Gee 33). Bunker Boys 265 (D L Hewitson

League: 49ers 20, Merrymen 18, Billy Whizz 14, Blue Monkey 12, Cavaliers 12, Willie Wombles 10, Park Lads Sea View 6, Bunker Boys 5, Posties 4, Geest 4, British Rail 4.

Division 2: H Bells 283 (T Morgan 30), Mighty Dockers 242 (P Burroughes 29); Park Royalists 10, Rangers 285 (S James Cocoa Nut 28), Witchill Poachers 244 (R Ashby 27); Tynny Lads 293 (É Davies, P Townsend, league tables at www. Cup third round.

Ashley Cox

M Dawies, P Townsend, league tables at w barryleagues.co.uk.

Balls 281 (I Forsyth

Barry Ladies Skittles

Skittles 30), Hairy Lemons 274 (S Gully 28); Exiles 259 (A Mazey 26), Castle Boys 308 (G Brooks 32).

League: Cannon Balls 16, H Bells 14, Tynny Lads 14, Mighty Dockers 14, KP Rejects 12, Colcot Boys 10, Park Rangers 9, Hairy Lemons 9, Barry Park B 7, Witchill Poachers 6, Castle Boys 5. Exiles 2

Division Alternatives 285 (A Rosser 29), BP Breakaways 266 (B Parkman 29); Billy Flyers 270 (D Everitt 30), Billy Bluebirds 272 (A James 31); Witchill Nomads 335 (T Richards, D Adams, K Dobson 32), Royalists 332 (C Iannucci 32); C.U.D. 234 (B Morgan, B Rees, B Saif 24), Cocoa Nuts 293 (S Evans 30).

League: Bluebirds Alternatives

Cocoa Nuts 10, Billy Witchill Poachers Flyers 10, Ex Servicemen 10, BP Breakaways 6, C.U.D. 3, Witchill

Joe Barnett

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

Billy Whizz thrash the Libs Rejects 11-1, a depleted Rhoose Libs Rejects 11-1, with four from fours for Social Dynamos 12-0 to go top of the table, ahead of the remain in second place Witchill Wildcats after a 10-2 home who now have a victory against the who now have a victory against the yame in hand.

Vale Wanderers, and game in hand.

In the week's other Sean Kelly having four Roberts and Gareth From four; the Vale Wanderers squandered a 4-0 lead to draw 6-6 Coconuts came out of the company of the Black Ball Shootout bonus point.

standing performance 8-4. was from league leaders Ir

WEEK seven saw Billy Whizz, who beat top three teams all had THE results for John Farrugia and Dan Roderick

Witchill Wildcats Baruc-Cue-Das games, the King third after a 10-2 home William IV had a 9-3 victory against the

against the Glenbrook their slump with a com-games King William Titans, albeit winning prehensive 10-2 victory IV and the Castle Dark away to the Rhoose Pot Jacks, Mike Dunn bonus point.

Coconuts lost their and Bobby Hartland four from four for the starring with four from bounce 8-4 against the Baruc-Cue-Das, and the a 9-3 home victory Castle Dark Lords beat against King William Shootout bonus point, Finnegans 7-5, with IV, with Spencer Beard Mathew Jones having four from four.

Week eight's out-beat Glephrook Titans Rhoose Social Pocket Week eight's out- beat Glenbrook Titans Rhoose Social Pocket

In week nine the

10-2 away victories, the John Farrugia having Championship four from four for Billy Whizz against the Vale Wanderers. Ian Hill, Ceri Morris, Wavne Hobson and Steve first, Mick Green and Watkins had three from threes for the Witchill Best and Mark Roderick. Wildcats against the victory against the Glenbrook Titans, Close Rhoose Social Pocket and Gary Roberts had Rhoose Pot Jacks, with Dynamos, with Ian three from three for the Baruc-Cue-Das against the Libs Rejects.

In the other two games King William Lords drew 6-6 with Snook having Jerry Dynamos 9-3.

Barrivale Bridge Club latest news

Teams event, held on November 19, are as follows:

Noelle Bond and Mike Second. Close and Peter Millar (doors open at 9.45am). Denis Mottram

and

be arranged, if required

If you would like to Barrivale join us, please call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm Tuesday evening.

Classes and assisted play are available at the Pioneer Hall Friday morn-Mike ings, 10am - 12.30pm

Thursday afternoon nd Irene Thomas. is for assisted play Third, Celia and Huw from 1.30pm - 4pm Thomas and Jane Brook at the Barry Uniting and Dave Thomas. Church, Heol y Llongau, New members are wel- Barry CF634AP

Barry RFC news

against Rumney last A coach will leave Saturday, which the club at 12.30pm for

the in action until they weather put paid to travel to Ynysybwl on Barry's home game December 6.

means that with the players and supporters. Males v Barbarians There were no winners in fixture next weekend they will not be rolls over to £5,750.

League round-up THE latest results v Breakaways 251 (B Dolly Mixtures 231 (G

for week commencing November 18 from the Barry Ladies League are

31) v Allsorts 218 (L 238 (C Williams 27) v Down Town Gals 235 Thomas 24); Sea View Family Affair 285 (L Gals 285 (S Bennett, J Thomas 29).
Richards 30) v Barry Division 3: Witchill Stars 206 (K Hopkins Widows 324 (M 324); Friends and Family 249; (R Cummings Hillbillies 298 (H 325) v Pila Pala 235 (S Collins, E Anzani 32); Bennett, S Jones 24); Sea View Ladies 216 Space Finders 337 (R Leach, G Davy 24) (L Jones, E Worthy V Livin-on-a-Spare 214 (S Clarke 26); Vixens Williams 35).

246 (M Marks 26) v Cliub. There are a few tickets left for the Christmas party which will be available at the meeting.

Watkins, S Jones 30) 234 (J Thomas 30) v HB

Jones, S Spry, S Thomas Skittles 26) v Persuaders 204 (H Kemp 23); Bobby's are as Girls 249 (S Seldon 30) | League are as Girls 249 (S Seldon 30) | Division 4: Witches v Rhoose Starlights 253 | 239 (Y Chick 26) v Provision 1: Coppers (K Bryan 28); Witchill Merry Makers 211 (A 286 (S Ford, J Ward, Weebies 281 (T Hawkins, K Toogood D Nesbitt 28) v Cigar Edwards 39) v Rugby 26); Optimists 223 (S Ladies 270 (L Webb Triers 316 (J Gough, Bond 27) v Aristocats 28); Special Angels N Williams and M 236 (P Grisdale 33) v Howells 32); Clickies 252 (G Bowen 29); Bakers Dozen 253 (B 214 (K Watts 26) v Red Wartin 29); Cadoxton Admiral 243 (S Jeffries, Blackmore 24) v Rebels Con Fillies 256 (L Old S Hayes 27); Etcetera 217 (L Saunders 28); 31) v Allsorts 218 (L 238 (C Williams 27) v Down Town Gals 235 Thomas 24) Sea View Family Affair 285 (L Control TWILL 25).

Thurston, C Parfitt 26); Burgers 31); Liberals Roller Coasters 237 (S 247 (R Keene 27) v Westenders 234 (S Evans 24).

Division 4: Witches